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FREE TRADE NEAR COMPLETION

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON NEW LAW

Panama, To-day.

Benefitting considerably British India, Hong Kong and also Britain, the president, Dr. Arias, has signed a law creating practically a free trade situation, exempting from duty over 600 articles and giving the President the power to include others as the need arises.

The law becomes effective on January 1.

Free imports will not pay any re-exportation charges.

President Arias informed Reuter that he plans to place a tariff only on imports competing with native produce and manufactures. The loss of revenue resulting, amounting to £100,000 annually, he believed, would easily be offset by creating a distributing centre here for Central and South America, also by increasing the tourist business, which is largely in the hands of British Indians. — Reuter.

NEW LAND PLANE RECORD

Delmotte's Speed More Than Claimed

HIS CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Paris, To-day.

The speed attained by Raymond, Delmotte, the famous French air ace, at Istres on Christmas Day is officially announced at 505.848 kilometres an hour. Delmotte thus wins the prize of 300,000 francs given by the French Air Ministry, according to the "Petit Parisien."

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POLITICAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Free Education For Kwangtung

MORE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Canton, to-day.

Among the important resolutions the South-west Political Council passed at its 152nd meeting held on Christmas Day were (1) to promote free education, (2) to foster primary school teachers' education, and (3) to establish more vocational schools.

These proposals were made by General Chen Chi-tang, Mr. Chow Lu, and Mr. Hsiao Fu-chen in accordance with the 3-year plan.—Central Press.

INSURANCE WRITINGS INCREASE IN U.S.

New York, to-day.—Mr. Frederick Ecker, President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, said yesterday that United States insurance writings for 1934 were 10 per cent. above those of 1933. He foresees further economic recovery in 1935.—United Press per S. E. Levy and Company.

The trapping of an alleged kidnapping gang at Darien, Conn., home of Robert Westheim (above), 12-year-old son of the wealthy steamship broker, frustrated the planned abduction of the boy, the Police allege.

FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS

Paris Newspaper's Prophecy

HITLER'S PUBLIC RETRACTION

Paris, To-day.

"Le Journal" states that Reich Leader Hitler, after the Saar plebiscite, will publicly retract the passage in his autobiography, "Mein Kampf" in which he declared that Germany must crush France as a step.

In order to pave the way for a resumption of diplomatic negotiations for a solution of the present Franco-German disarmament impasse.

The journal adds, that Herr Hitler will explain that the passage was written during a period of bitterness while imprisoned in a fortress following the unsuccessful attempt at a rising two years ago and when French troops were occupying the Ruhr.—Reuter.

CHINA'S SILVER POLICY

No Devaluation Or Inflation

HONG KONG TO ALLEVIATE SILVER SHORTAGE?

Shanghai, To-day.

Out of a welter of rumours, reports, and denials regarding the future policy of the National Government in relation to silver come two very definite statements from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. H. H. Kung, both of whom declare that there is no intention on the part of the National Government to devalue the silver dollar.

Dr. Kung definitely states that rumourmongers have been exciting the financial market to their own advantage with reports that the Government intended to devalue the dollar, adopt a policy of inflation, and adopt a standard paper currency. These he denies.

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MULTIMILLIONAIRE PASSES

Reputed One Of World's Richest Men

New York, To-day.

The death has occurred of John E. Andrus, manufacturer and ex-Congressman, aged 93, who was reputed to be one of the richest men in the world.—Reuter.

SENSATIONAL TRIAL ALLEGATIONS

ALLEGED CONTRIBUTION FROM CONSUL

ARMED ASSISTANCE COUNTED ON

Moscow, To-day.

The allegation that a foreign consul (nationality unstated) was in close touch with those responsible for the murder of Kirov, was made in the indictment against Nikolayef and 13 other Communists accused of the murder.

It declares that ex-members of the Zinovieff group formed a counter-revolutionary terrorist group in Leningrad with the object of changing the policy of the Soviet to a "Zinovieff-Trotsky" platform by terrorist acts against Soviet leader.

THE GROUP COUNTED ON ARMED ASSISTANCE FROM CERTAIN FOREIGN STATES AND NIKOLAYEF NEGOTIATED WITH THE CONSUL CONCERNED WITH REGARD TO ASSISTANCE FOR THE GROUP.

Nikolayef is reported to have stated that the Consul gave him 5,000 roubles. He said he could establish connection with Trotsky if Nikolayef gave him a letter from the group to Trotsky. The aims and methods of the group coincided with those of the White Guard Russian organizations abroad which were responsible for the previous murders of prominent Soviet officials. The indictment alleges that Nikolayef admitted his guilt. — Reuter.

CANTON TROOPS READY TO MOVE TO KWEICHOW

NANKING RETAINS SILENCE

GENERAL HO MAY BE APPOINTED O.C.

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, Yesterday.

Canton will send at least two divisions or eight regiments to assist in the suppression of Communists in Kweichow, Mr. Hsiao Fu-chen, press officer of the South-west Political Council disclosed last night, although the Nanking military authorities have not indicated their approval of the move.

"Assisting Kweichow is like putting out a fire." Mr. Hsiao said. "We have to extinguish the flames as soon as we can, while if we wait for the arrival of the fire brigade it may be too late. The Kwangtung forces have made every preparation to mobilize their troops for Kweichow."

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MARSHAL CHIANG CONSENTS

Kwangtung Troops For Kweichow

FEARS FOR CAPITAL

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.

Reports are current here to-day that the Second Army, comprising of the fourth division and the fifth division, will be sent from Northern Kwangtung into Kweichow in connection with the anti-Communist suppression in that western province.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman of the Nanking Military Commission, has consented to the proposal of the high command in Kwangtung and Kwangsi that their forces be sent to Kweichow to exterminate the Communists. In a telegram dispatched to Canton yesterday afternoon, General Chiang commended the Kwangtung and Kwangsi military leaders for readiness to lead troops to Kweichow.

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U.S. XMAS TRADE UP

New York, to-day.—The *United Press* in a survey of Christmas trade throughout the nation put it at between 10 to 40 per cent. above last year's.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

FINANCE MEETING AT FENGHUA

Generalissimo To Confer With Mr. Ou

KWANGTUNG LOAN QUESTION

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.

The visit of Mr. Ou Fang-pu, Provincial Commissioner of Finance, to Fenghua to see Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, which was scheduled to have taken place last Monday, has been postponed until to-day or to-morrow. Commissioner Ou will discuss, chiefly, financial matters with the Chairman of the Nanking Military Commission.

It was learned last night that Commissioner Ou will ask Marshal Chiang to return the $50,0000,000 which Kwangtung advanced to the Nanking authorities as military expenses, because this amount is to be used as reserve for the issue of "big dollar" banknotes on par with Shanghai currency.

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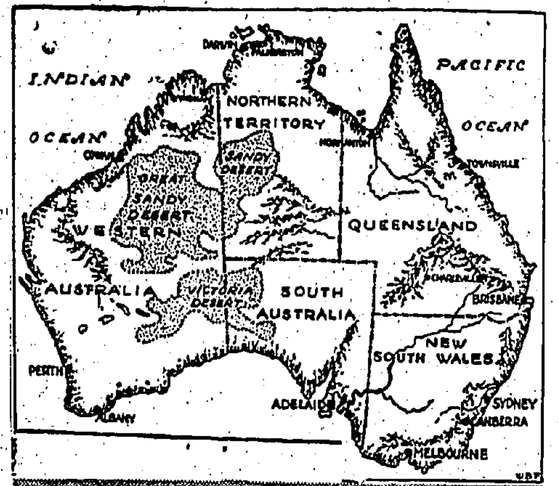
RYDER CUP SERIES NEXT SEPTEMBER

American P.G.A. Head Announces Dates

New York, To-day.

Mr. Jacobus, President of the United States Professional Golfers' Association, yesterday announced that the Ryder Cup matches between England and America would take place on September 28 and 29, next year.—Reuter.

Mr. Jacobus, when interviewed regarding the ineligibility of Henry Cotton, the British Open champion, from competing because of his connection with the Waterloo Club, Brussels, declared that the Ryder Cup contest without Cotton was ridiculous and suggested that the donor of the Cup, Mr. Samuel Ryder, should be approached to alter the deed of gift.



Western Australian representatives, designated after residents of their state voted 2 to 1 for the secession in a plebiscite, are in London seeking Parliament's approval of Western Australia's separation politically from the Australian Commonwealth. Its geographic separation from the other states by 1,000 miles of wastelands, as shown in the map, is the reason. Pictured are a strip of the desert and the Australian capitol at Canberra, which is remote from Western Australia.

ECONOMIC POSITION OF GOLD BLOC

BRITAIN INTENDS TO "STAND PAT"

A commentary on Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech interprets it as an admission of England's ability to manage the stability of the £, and of her intention of forcing the gold bloc to retreat, states a special Washington cable to Messrs. S. E. Levy and Company.

It is insisted in London that Mr. Chamberlain's statement puts the issue of international stabilisation up to Washington.

Purchases of silver under the silver purchase programme have been somewhat retarded of late owing to heavy imports of gold, but they are likely to be resumed.

The economic situation of the gold bloc is growing worse, while depression is deepening in France, Belgium and Holland, where decreased production, increased unemployment and falling prices are seen.

Ratification of the Anglo-Polish coal agreement has put an end to the price-cutting war which has been raging of late.

Exports of Japanese cotton textiles are being concentrated towards Central and South America, where they now lead the British product.

The note circulation in Great Britain has reached a new high level.

The tendency to look to the United States for leadership towards recovery is a factor of the greatest importance and significance in the European situation.

HOLIDAY RUGBY RESULTS

Barbarians Win At Rectory Field

BATH'S NARROW VICTORY OVER OLD BLUES

London, To-day.

Boxing Day rugby at Home provided few surprises, the Barbarians' international side defeating Blackheath by 16 points to 13 at the Rectory Field, while Leicester secured a sweeping victory over Birkenhead Park by 25 points to nil.

Bath	6	Old Blues	0
Blackheath	13	Barbarians	16
Bristol	16	Pontypool	5
Cardiff	26	London Irish	6
Gloucester	25	Old Merchant Taylors	0
Headingley	8	Manchester	12
Leicester	25	Birkenhead Park	0
Llanelly	24	London Welsh	11
Northampton	19	Penarth	8
P'mouth Albion	13	Newton Abbot	3
Swansea	16	Varsities Ath. Union	8
Waterloo	11	Coventry	11

—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

A moderate anticyclone covers China, Manchuria, and Japan; pressure is highest to the north of Shantung. The local forecast, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, was north-east winds, fresh; cloudy with drizzle or mist.

ARSENAL LOSE

PRESTON WIN RETURN GAME BY ODD GOAL

EVERTON SWAMPED AT ROKER PARK

MANCHESTER CITY "DOUBLE" AND CHELSEA WIN

London, To-day.

There were several sensational upsets in the Home Football Boxing Day programme.

Preston avenged their previous day's defeat at the hands of the Arsenal by winning their home encounter by 2 goals to 1, while Sunderland performed similarly at Roker Park, where they overwhelmed the greatly fancied Everton team by 7 clear goals.

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Results, as cabled by Reuter, were:—

FIRST DIVISION

Aston Villa	0	Chelsea	3
Birmingham	0	Wednesday	4
Derby C.	2	Wolves	0
Hud'field	2	Leicester	3
Liverp'l	2	Middlesborough	2
Man'ter C.	3	Leeds	0
Portsm'th	3	Blackburn	1
Preston	2	Arsenal	1
Stoke	3	West. Brom.	0
Sunderl'd	7	Everton	0
Tottenh'm	2	Grimsby	1

SECOND DIVISION

Bradf'd C.	3	Port Vale	0
Fulham	2	Bradford	2
Hull	1	Newcastle	1
Norwich	3	Notts Forest	3
Notts C.	1	Man'ter U.	0
Oldham	2	Blackpool	3
Plymouth	1	Brentford	1
Shef'd U.	2	Barnsley	1
S'ampton	1	Swansea	0
West Ham	3	Bury	0

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Brighton	4	Luton	1
Bristol R.	1	Aldershot	0
Clapton	3	Queen's P.R.	1
Crystal P.	2	Torquay	2
Exeter	4	Bournemouth	1
Gillingham	2	Coventry	5
N'ampton	2	Bristol C.	2
Reading	2	Millwall	1
Southend	2	Cardiff	1
Swindon	2	Charlton	2
Watford	7	Newport	0

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Accringt'n	5	York	2
Darlington	2	Rochdale	2
Doncaster	3	Hartlepools	1
Lincoln	4	Carlisle	2
N. Brighton	3	Gateshead	0
Rotherh'm	4	Walsall	2
Southport	2	Crewe	1
Trhnm'e	2	Barrow	1
Stockport	0	Chester	1
Wrexham	1	Mansfield	3

[Home and Away tables, excluding the above results, will be found on Page 5.]

SPANISH WOMAN LEAVES $924,200

Guadalupe Barretto de Balbas, widow of the late Don Venancio Balbas Y Ageo, of No. 170, Paseo de San Gervasio, Barcelona, Spain, who died on January 29, 1934, left local estate to the value of $924,200. The deceased was domiciled in Manila, Philippine Islands.

An application by George Gwinnett Noble Tinson, solicitor, the lawful attorney, for sealing a certified copy of the probate, has been granted.

LADIES' INTERPORT HOCKEY

Shanghai Team Due Here On Feb. 2

The Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association have accepted the invitation of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association to send a team to the Colony for an Interport contest. They will arrive in the Colony on February 2.

NO INKLING GIVEN OF CRUCIAL PROBLEM RECOMMENDATIONS

New York, to-day.—President Roosevelt has started conferences with the Cabinet members, congress members, and others, who are preparing legislative recommendations, but they give no inkling of what they recommend regarding war bonus, poor relief and other crucial problems.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

MAIL SCHEDULES

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Naldera (via Suez) ..... Dec. 27

FROM JAPAN

Toyama Maru ..... Dec. 27
Pres. Jackson ..... " 28
Corfu ..... " 28
Lisbon Maru ..... " 28

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Jackson ..... Dec. 28

FROM MANILA

Pres. Coolidge ..... Dec. 28

FROM SHANGHAI

Pres. Jackson ..... Dec. 28
Corfu ..... " 28

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Talma (Air Mail) ..... Dec. 27
Ginyo Maru ..... " 29
Morioka Maru ..... " 29

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Pres. Coolidge (via Siberia) .. Dec. 28
Closes: Reg. 3 p.m. Ord. 4.15 p.m.
Corfu (Amsterdam Air Mail) .. " 29
Closes: Reg. 9 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.

FOR U.S.A.

General Pershing ..... Dec. 28

FOR AMERICA

Pres. Coolidge ..... Dec. 28

FOR JAPAN

Felix Roussel ..... Dec. 28
Naldera ..... " 28
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FOR SHANGHAI

Naldera ..... Dec. 28
Felix Roussel ..... " 28
General Pershing ..... " 28
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FOR MANILA

Nankin ..... Dec. 28

FROM INDIA

FOR AUSTRALIA

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The Woman's Page

Look youthful in a blouse! Here is a black velvet skirt with which the wearer may choose dozens of different tunics or blouses. Elissa Landi, screen actress, chooses one of plaid taffeta in green, black and white, with a fluted edge and diamond studded green buttons.

USE A GREEN POWDER

A green powder used over a green foundation cream is a valuable beauty aid for red elbows, hands, and arms.

If you wear your hair shingled, have it trimmed a day or two before you go to a party. Don't allow clippers to be run over the nape of your neck, but have hair "tidied up" with scissors. If the hair roots show up dark, they can be dabbed with peroxide (10 vol).

And just one more point. When you put on your dress, be sure to put a setting net right over your face and hair, otherwise both hair and make-up—and perhaps your dress, too—may be ruined.

COLD WEATHER COMFORT

These cold nights make us take a practical interest in the displays of cosy eiderdowns and gaily coloured blankets in the shops. And for people who find the ordinary sheet too chilly when they first get into bed there are sheets made to look and feel like blankets, with a comfortable raised surface.

EFFECT COUNTS

The effect beneath the slimmest satin or velvet evening gown would satisfy even the most exacting of dressmakers.

Middle Age Need Not Wither

Clinical Treatment For The Future

The traditional challenge that "a woman is as old as she looks" has had a curious effect on the women of this generation. The majority of "young" women range in ages up to thirty-five. Then come a smaller number of women in the "fearful forties;" but after, say, fifty, it is a problem to disguise your age, unless you are of the artificial evergreen school.

If this generation of women study their opportunities it will be possible for them to have rejuvenation clinics in their own homes, and to master many secrets of youthfulness formerly unknown to the doctors themselves.

For centuries wise men have been working on theories and principles to outwit the wasting effect of time on human beings. The physical satisfaction of feeling youthful, at any age, is everybody's heritage, and adds to the delight of living. Almost all the genuine beauty cultures offered to women are "youth" cultures—a young complexion, youthful hair, a youthful figure.

But beauty treatments are gradually becoming more clinical and health-promoting. The woman who tends your face and the doctor who takes care of your health are coming together in their efforts to overcome growing old and ill-health. They are united in exploring the causes of premature age, of inactive glands, and of wasting tissues, all of which are basic causes of wrinkles, skin diseases, figure troubles, and other difficulties which spoil a woman's good looks.

Therapeutic Treatment

The use of electricity has spread from hospitals to beauty salons and to the home. It is a therapeutic treatment for blemishes, and in the form of massage, radiant heat, or light rays, it provides a natural cure for vague ailments which make women appear old at any age.

Even more significant is the development of radium treatment. Radio-active tonics can now be included in a woman's home treatments. This elusive element has been introduced in preparations for building a complexion wasted by illness, and in conjunction with electricity, is applied as a nerve tonic and tissue builder—otherwise a deep-seated beauty pick-me-up.

Although there are only 19 ounces of radium in the world, and it is estimated to be worth £14,000 per gramme, microscopic proportions are being used for stimulating cells, improving the circulation of the blood, and throwing off toxins which spoil the complexion, the scalp of the hair, and often the finger-nails and the hands.

Radio-Activity

For many years London hospitals have treated patients for many ailments with a radio-active compress.

Even this form of scientific treatment—radium combined with heat—has been used at home, and is the main health and beauty tonic of many women who lead strenuous stage or public lives. Acting on the nervous system the radio-activity helps to eradicate wrinkles and that drawn, elderly look. It improves the colour of the skin by the stimulation of blood cells, and is one of the modern methods of rejuvenation by healing.

Indigestion and other causes of vague health trouble which spoil good looks are cured, and after a series of thirty minutes home-treatment of radio-activity the complexion and facial expression looks as fresh as it does after a brisk walk in the fresh air.

It is for this type of health and beauty "cure" that beauties since the days of the Romans have flocked to the healing springs at Bath. But in these days you merely turn on your radio-activity as you do your wireless, through the electric current of the house, and apply the compress according to instructions.

WHAT'S NEW FOR THE HOUSE

The latest fitted wardrobes are made in small sizes, to meet the growing demand for furniture that will not cramp the tenants of modern flats. They are carried out in golden maple, matt mahogany, and Australian silky oak.

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This smart dinner gown of jade green and white blister crepe is worn by Rosalind Russell, screen actress. The gown features a short over-tunic in white with green strip trimming. Wound rings of green are used at the neck, on the sleeves and at the hemline where they border a front train of green strips.

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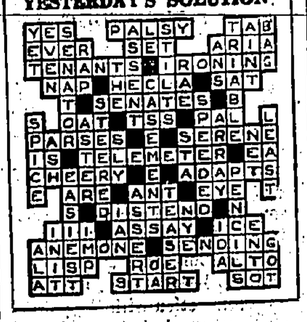

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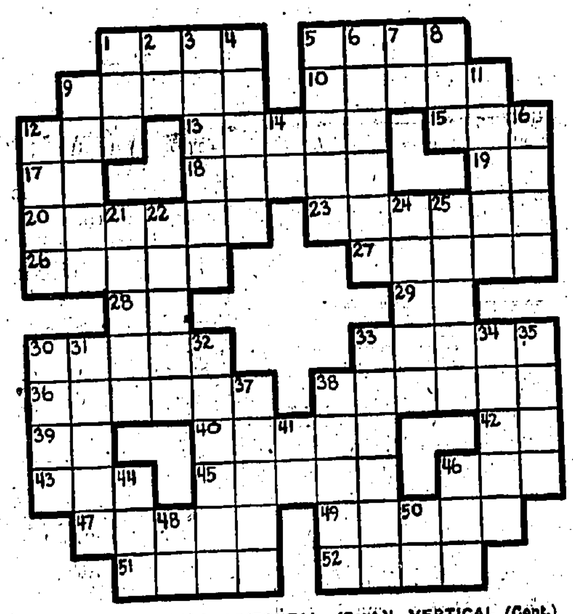
This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL
1–Sharpen
5–Part of a plant
9–To clip close
10–A stone for sharpening tools (pl.)
12–Arm of the sea
13–Ranter
15–Strike gently
17–Near by
18–River in Africa
19–A Middle Atlantic State (abbr.)
20–Kind of dress material
23–Formed hollows in
26–To work, as dough
27–Clothe
28–Because
29–Half an em
30–An item in one's property
33–Those who use
36–Planted
38–Part of the foot

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
39–Four (Rom.)
40–Dispatches
42–Preposition
43–Combining form. Air
45–Article of furniture
46–To steep, as flax
47–Allude
49–Weird
51–Hobbies
52–Break suddenly

VERTICAL
1–Because of which
2–Pronoun
3–Gained
4–Drill
5–Wool-bearing animal
6–Sultry
7–Half an em
8–Joined
9–Chief of evil spirits

VERTICAL (Cont.)
11–Rescues
12–Expose to genial heat
14–Vicar-General (abbr.)
16–Tablets
21–Torment
22–Relieved
24–Lock of hair
25–Dogma
30–Largest continent
31–Cut
32–Examined
33–Invisible
34–To tee again
35–Stain
37–Darlings
38–Loiters
41–Note well (Lat., abbr.)
44–Reference (abbr.)
46–Tear
48–Musical note
50–Egyptian sun-god

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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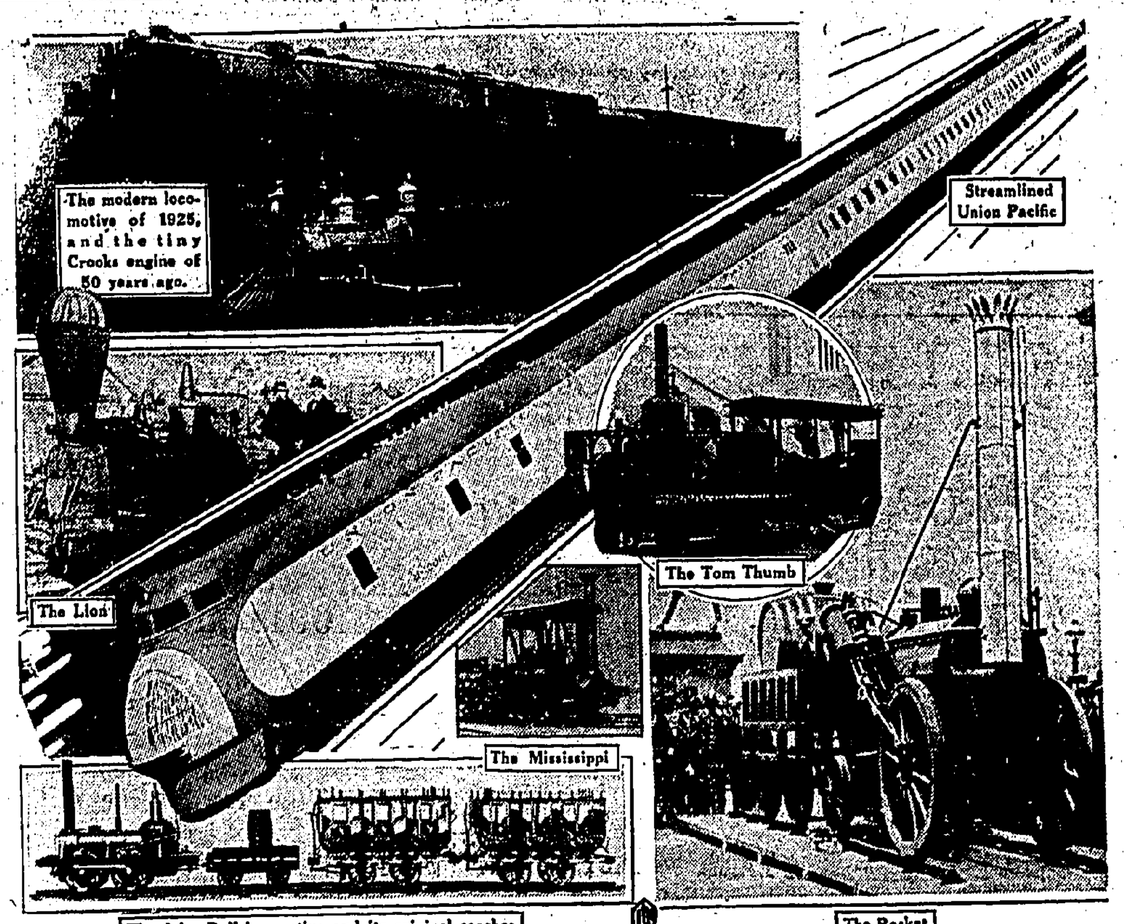

This layout illustrates the many changes which have taken place in the development of the railroad locomotive since its invention more than 130 years ago. The "last word" in railroad trains is the new Union Pacific train, which recently established a new transcontinental speed record from the Pacific to the Atlantic. One of the first engines was Stephenson's Rocket, built in England. Other locomotives prominent in the development of railroads include Peter Cooper's Tom Thumb of 1829; the John Bull, operating in 1831; the Lion of 1841; the Mississippi, in use in 1878; William Cook's tiny locomotive of 1885, and the Great Northern oil burner of 1925.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

1B.30-2.15 p.m.— European Programme.
12.30-1 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
Children's Studio Concert.
Z.E.K. Programme.
5-8 p.m.—European Programme.
5-6 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room.
6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.
6.30-7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room.
7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, London and New York Stock & Commodity Quotations.
7.08-7.36 p.m.—Concert Items.
'Cello Solos—
Spanish Dance (Aragonesa) (Cassado)
Menuet (Paderewski) Gaspar Cassado.
Songs—
Afton Water (Burns)
Annie Laurie Mary Garden (Soprano)
Violin Solos—
Serenade (Toselli)
Serenade (Pierne) Renee Chemet.
Songs—
"The Dubarry"—If I am Dreaming
"Helen"—The Shepherd's Song Heddle Nash (Tenor)
7.36-8 p.m.—Talkie Tunes.
The Gold Diggers of Broadway—Selection (Burke)
The Song of the Drum—Selection (Finck)
One hour with you—Medley New Mayfair Orchestra
8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.
9.30 p.m.— Reuter Press Bulletins. London 1 p.m. Stock & Commodity Quotations.
10.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins. Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock & Commodity Quotations.
10.40 p.m.—Close Down.
All Relays of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestras are by courtesy of the Management.
8.30-10 p.m.—European recorded programme from Z.E.K. on a frequency of 840 k.c.'s.
8.30-8.55 p.m.—Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26 (Max Bruch) played by Master Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.
8.55-9.12 p.m.—Vocal Gems.
Maritana (Wallace)
Lily of Killarney (Benedict)
9.12-9.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Tales from the Vienna Woods (J. Strauss)
Rosenkavalier Waltzes (R. Strauss)
9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, London 1 p.m. Stock & Commodity Quotations.
9.35-10 p.m.—Variety.
Violin Solos—
Song of Paradise
Always Alert Sandler.
Vocal—
Take me away from the River
Young and Healthy The Four Musketeers.
Instrumental—
All Through the Night—Waltz
On a Little Street in Honolulu—Waltz
Piano Solos—
Sleepytime Down South
Life is just a Bowl of Cherries Carroll Gibons.
10 p.m.—Close Down.

WOMAN ROBBED IN KOWLOON

SET UPON BY BOGUS EMPLOYERS

Attracted by sounds of sobbing and wailing from the centre of a crowd near the Mong Kok Tsui Ferry Wharf, the police discovered that a married woman, Lee Ng, had been robbed of about $30 yesterday morning.

It appears that she was engaged by two men to go and clean their house at No. 962, Canton Road, Kowloon. When she entered the flat they immediately set upon her, and robbed her of all the money she had in her possession. Investigations by the police proved that the flat had neither been rented nor occupied recently. No arrests have yet been made.

WOMAN LINGUIST

Bride Who Was Wed At Age Of 16

An Indo-Chinese girl who said she could speak eight languages was granted a maintenance order by the South Shields magistrates when her husband, Wilfred Robert Livingstone, aged 24, who had been a soldier in India, was summoned for leaving her chargeable to the Poor Law authorities.

It was stated that the girl was married when she was 16 to a man named Ignatius Gomes in Calcutta, and he left her in 1925.

She was married to Livingstone in South Shields in 1933, he having followed her to England.

Mr. Victor Grunhut, defending, submitted that there was no proof of the death of the first husband, but the magistrates made an order for 5s. weekly.

SHAMSHUIPO FIRE

Printer's Workshop Burned Out

A small fire broke out at No. 249 Kee Leung Street, Shamshuipo, soon after the tiffin hour yesterday, when the stationery office of the Kwong Hing firm burned itself out, causing damage to the extent of $150.

The Brigade turned out two appliances which prevented the flames from spreading. All the damage was done on the ground flour. The stocks were insured for $4,000.

DISASTROUS COTTON MILL FIRE IN KIANGYIN

Over twenty buildings, and a large quantity of materials, belonging to the Heng Chia Cotton Mill, in Kiangyin, northern Kiangsu, were burned down recently. Several dwelling houses in the neighbourhood also were gutted.

BRIDGE NOTES

BIDDING A SLAM CONTRACT

by Ely Culbertson.

When a player opens with a forcing bid of two in a suit and hears a strength response from his partner, there is little question but that a slam will be the ultimate objective of partnership bidding rather than merely a game. The choice of the correct slam contract is then usually a comparatively simple matter. When neither player has long suits and the question of ruffing does not enter into the fulfilment of the contract, then notrump quite probably will be as good a contract as any suit and sometimes it has the added advantage of avoiding a possible first-round ruff.

Such was the case in the hand below, played recently in a New York Duplicate game:

South, Dealer
North and South vulnerable

NORTH:—
S.—K 7
H.—10 8 5
D.—K 8 3 2
C.—Q J 10 7

WEST:—
S.—Q 10 6 5 3 2
H.— ——
D.—Q 7 5 4
C.—8 3 2

SOUTH:—
S.—A 9 4
H.—A K J
D.—A 10 9
C.—A K 6 4

EAST:—
S.—J 8
H.—Q 9 7 6 4 3 2
D.—J 6
C.—9 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2C	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5C	Pass
5NT	Pass	6NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North had no difficulty in fulfilling the six-notrump contract as the heart finesse was successful and the diamond honours were split, giving him a successful finesse against the Queen. As the cards lie, six clubs can also be made, but if the East and West hands were reversed so that a heart might be opened, that contract would be impossible of fulfillment.

The argument in favour of playing this particular hand, especially in a Duplicate game, at notrump is very strong. Notrump counts more, and while a first-round ruff is hardly to be anticipated with the balanced hands of North and South, there is no occasion to take the risk because of the lack of ruffing power. It is true that, played at clubs, a losing spade can be ruffed, but the success of the hand will still depend upon a favourable distribution.

HER HAND WENT DEAD

Helpless With Rheumatism

At one time she thought she would lose the use of her right hand. But when she started the "little daily dose" of Kruschen, it soon put her right.

"I was sure in a bad state," she writes. "In fact, I could not do my housework, I was so bad with rheumatism in my arms and hands. I could not sleep at nights, and had to get up and heat water to ease my pain and numbness. I took all kinds of medicines. I rubbed it and plastered it—but it was still there. I thought I would lose the use of my right hand. I could not hold anything, nor could I sew a button on. My arm would go dead. I was advised to try Kruschen, and inside of three weeks I found such a change. Now I sleep all night—thanks to Kruschen's help and relief."—(Mrs.) J. H.

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SPLENDID WORK OF ST. DUNSTAN'S

Successful Training Of War-Blinded

Nearly 100 telephonists and shorthand typists who received their training at St. Dunstan's for warblinded ex-Servicemen met at dinner last month. These blinded ex-Servicemen hold positions as telephone operators throughout Britain, some in public departments, but the majority in private telephone exchanges belonging to leading business firms.

The managing directors of practically all the firms declare that the appointments are made not through sentiment, but because they consider that these blinded operators are singularly well adapted to this kind of work. Apart from the men who are still in course of training, all those trained in telephony by St. Dunstan's from its 2,000 warblinded men are in regular employment.

TALENTED PEERESS AS DECORATOR

Lady Essendon, the wife of Lord Essendon, chairman of Furness, Withy and Co., has been invited to help in arranging the scheme of decorations and fittings for the passenger quarters in the Cunard White Star liner, the Queen Mary.

She planned similar decorations for six of the Bermuda and Prince Lines.

Amusements

Cinema Notes.

"TREASURE ISLAND"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

The generations of people both young and old who have been thrilled by "Treasure Island," Robert Louis Stevenson's famous story of pirate adventure, will find the vivid story-book experiences of their youth created on the screen in the picture at the Queen's Theatre, with Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper in co-starring roles.

Full power of the most widely-read fiction book about pirates ever written has been retained in the adaptation of it by John Lee Mahin. Scenes have been reproduced exactly as described in the book with much of Stevenson's own dialogue between the characters followed to the word.

With Beery as Long John Silver and Jackie Cooper as Jim Hawkins, boy adventurer, a cast has been assembled to bring each rover of the Spanish Main to the screen with living reality. Lionel Barrymore's blustering Billy Bones is one of the most entertaining characters he has ever played. Otto Kruger is forceful as Dr. Livesy: Lewis Stone's personal knowledge of sailing ships gives convincing background to his role of Captain Smollett: Nigel Bruce is a ruddy and typically English Squire Trelawney: touches of quaint humour are put into the characterization of Ben Gunn, marooned pirate, by Chic Sale.

Every pictorial beauty and action value in the story has been brought out by the direction of Victor Fleming, who has filmed such adventure stories as "Rendezvous" and "Around the World in 80 Minutes."

"CARAVAN"—KING'S THEATRE

Erik Charell, producer of "Congress Dances," presents another magnificent musical romance, "Caravan," now at the King's Theatre.

Starring in this Fox film, is Charles Boyer, the noted Continental stage and screen star. In this musical operatta, he enacts the role of a gyp violinist.

The theme melodies, "Hot Cha Cha," and "The Wine Song" are catchy. The gypsy dresses, lively scenes of revelry, and an insight into the grape-season in Hungary, combine to make this an entertaining picture.

Loretto Young, Jean Parker (the jealous gypsy sweetheart) and Phillips Holmes, as the gallant young Lieutenant—make the most of their material.

"THE CIRCUS CLOWN"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Joe E. Brown, the noted comedian, returns again to the Alhambra Theatre in First National's latest film, "The Circus Clown."

In this picture Joe E. goes back to his first love—he started his career at an early age travelling with a circus.

The picture deals with the intimate life of circus folk behind the scenes. The tangled love affairs of circus folk come into play in which Joe becomes so involved that his plight becomes ludicrous.

Patricia Ellis has the leading femine role opposite Joe, while others in the cast include Dorothy Burgess, Donald Dilloway, Gordon Westcott, Charles Wilson, Ronnie Cosby, Spencer Charters and Bobbie Caldwell, as well as a score of famous circus performers.

"VIVA VILLA!"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

A superb charaterisation of the man, who was the outstanding figure in Mexico's history during the decade preceding the Great War, is *Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's* current release, "Viva Villa!" featuring Wallace Berry Fay Wray, and Joseph Schildkraut.

The opening scenes show Beery, in the title role as Villa, witnessing his father whipped to death by the aristocrats, and this bitter memory never leaves him. He knows no law, except that all men are equal and that aristocrats must be killed. He vanquishes his enemies with his ragged army of recruits, marries every girl he fancies. You will see him as Dictator, and then his ignominious death in a butcher's shop—an act of revenge.

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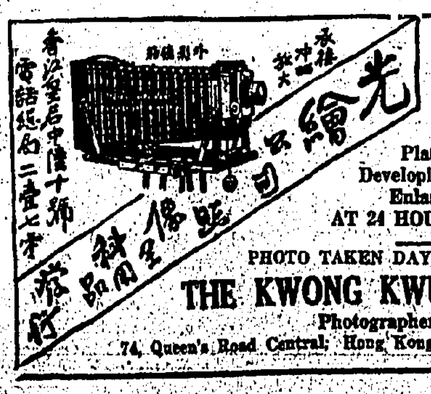

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Sporting Page

CHINA AND PORTUGAL FOR "SUNDAY HERALD" CUP FINAL CLASH

PORTUGAL DEFEAT WALES

HOLDERS FEEL LOSS OF BORDERERS

FIELD FULL FUSILIER TEAM

PORTUGAL, TRUE TO EXPECTATIONS, ENTERED THE FINAL OF THE *SUNDAY HERALD* INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP COMPETITION YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, DEFEATING WALES IN A FAST AND INTERESTING GAME BY 4 GOALS TO 1 ON THE K.F.C. GROUND.

Portugal's team remained unchanged, but owing to the inability of the three Borderers players selected to turn out, the Welch Fusiliers very sportingly fielded their First Division side at short notice, Keating, Ellis and Keneghan taking the places of Roberts, Jones and Davies.

Although Portugal won by a fairly wide margin, they were forced to fight every inch of the way, the Welch defence putting up a determined resistance throughout.

Rowlands played a sparkling game, and his many daring and brilliant clearances evoked well-merited applause. Time and again he alone stood between the Portuguese forwards and a goal, but invariably his splendid anticipation and quickness foiled A. V. Gosano and his forwards.

He was excellently supported by Wauklin and Keating, who, though still displaying little understanding with each other, by their wholehearted efforts, decisive tackling and first-time clearances, upset the many clever movements of the opposing inside forwards on occasions too numerous to mention.

Weak Marking By Halves

The halves, facing an imposing forward line, did remarkably well throughout, and with Alves below form, Grindley endeavoured to subdue the elusive Gomes, and was often successful.

Ellis also had a difficult time against Ward and Bertie Gosano, but held his own. The tactics adopted by the Welsh wing-halves in marking the inside forwards proved disastrous, as B. Gosano and Alves, were left well unmarked practically throughout, and it was from this wing that most of the goals originated.

Keneghan, who went to inside-left for the second period, found A. V. Gosano too much of a handful, and on the whole had an "off" day. Another noticable fault with the Welsh team, was the bad marking during a throw-in—from one of these lapses an easy goal was scored.

The forwards worked hard, but received few good passes, and their finishing generally was poor. Parry and Harrison kept Elms on the run and were successful in getting past him on many occasions. Parry was inclined to lose his position at times, but it was from him that most of the danger threatened.

Harrison and Talbot put in a tremendous amount of good work, but their final passes were seldom accurate. Roberts opened shakily, but settled down well, and Delgado could never afford to leave him unmarked.

Welch Team Surprise

Dennis put plenty of dash into his play, and bustled the ball past Beltrao and Silva-Netto in splendid style, but weak finishing usually spoiled his previous good efforts.

Taken as a whole, the Welsh side undoubtedly surprised the Portuguese during the first half, when, apart from having slightly the better of the exchanges, they managed to block effectively the formidable Portuguese forward-line, and looked likely to score whenever they approached the opposing goal-area.

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RUGBY INTERNATIONAL TO MARRY

The engagement is announced of Mr. J. Clifford Gibbs, the former England international Rugby player, to Miss Phyllis Rose. Mr. Gibbs and Miss Rose live only a few doors from each other in Hammelton-road, Bromley. Mr. Gibbs captained the Harlequins and Kent.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP GAMES YIELD JUST UNDER $3,000

Valley Collection Nearly Ten Times That Of Kowloon

The "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup game between China and England, played on the Club ground yesterday, yielded a gate receipt of $2,600, while the game between Portugal and Wales, played on the Kowloon Football Club ground, resulted in a gate of $263.30.

PETTY OFFICERS IN SOCCER "DERBY"

Tamar And Herald Share Goals

AMUSING XMAS INCIDENTS

The annual Boxing Day "battle-royal" between Chief and Petty officers of the "Tamar" and "Herald," played yesterday morning, resulted in a draw of three goals each.

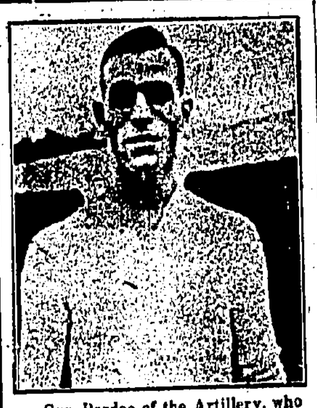
The Christmas festivities (and the result of same!) were still much in evidence, and many humorous incidents occurred during the game.

The players found it difficult to take the match seriously, and the enthusiastic spectators did not attempt to! After holding a lead of two goals, the "Herald" defence collapsed, and the "Tamar" managed to bring the scores level just before the interval.

Both sides scored once during the second half, though with the openings offered them, the "Tamar" should have decided the issue.

Mid-way through this half, two of the "Tamar" halves apparently decided that their work was finished, so accordingly curled up in the centre of the field and slept—but not for long.

The result seemed to please everyone, and a very amusing "holiday" fixture drew to a close with the "Tamar" still pressing.



Gnr. Pardoe of the Artillery, who staged a comeback to his brilliant match-winning form yesterday, against China in the International Cup game.

SEA LARK V FIRST YACHT HOME

Annual Race To Macao And Back

Sea Lark V, sailed by E. Cock and Lt.-Col. Carrington Sykes, was the first boat back in the annual Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club race to Macao and back for the Potts Challenge Cup. She arrived here at 6.19.11 this morning.

Mairi (Cmdr. D. Orr Ewing and partner) returned at 8.54.55 with Norena (Ramsey and Brunsgaard) passing the post at 9.25.35.

Mestral (Cmdr. W. G. Cowland, Dr. L. J. Davis and Lt. B. E. O'-Brien) returned at 10.39.04.

La Cigale did not finish.

These times have yet to be corrected.

The start was made at 7.30 a.m. yesterday and the competitors are given until 8 a.m. to-morrow morning in which to cover the 70 miles.

POLICE HOCKEY WIN OVER PROTEUS

Last Minute Decider By Singh

A fast and keen hockey game was seen on the Police Training School ground yesterday afternoon, when H.M.S. Proteus was defeated by 3 goals to 2 by the Police juniors.

J. W. Nicholson scored the 2 goals for the Proteus in the opening half, while J. Haywood equalised in the second half. R. Singh scored the deciding goal for the Police.

MOTOR-CYCLE TEST FOR SOUTH AFRICA

The South African motor-cycle racing authorities have suggested that the English speedway team now touring Australia should ride in two "Tests" at Johannesburg. The home board have replied that they will gladly consider a series of Tests during the 1935-6 season.

ADDINGTON GOLF TOURNEY FOR APRIL

Addington Foursomes golf tournament, which is open to amateur and professional partnerships, will be played at Addington on April 8 and following days.

Malcolm Campbell's New Bluebird For Daytona Beach

London, Nov. 27.

The *Daily Mail* motoring correspondent announces that Sir Malcolm Campbell's attempt to beat his world land-speed record of 272 miles an hour has been tentatively fixed for February 20 or 21 at Daytona Beach, Florida.

Since Sir Malcolm raised his own record last year he has been planning to achieve 300 miles an hour. A new Bluebird car, with a super-streamlined body and other special features, is nearing completion, and as a further help an important improvement to the Daytona course has been made. Sir Malcolm requested the Daytona city officials to remove several of the piles underneath the pier to enable him to have a longer run, and this has been done.

"That is good news," Sir Malcolm said, "It will give me a longer run in one direction of about a mile, and this will help me to get up more speed before I enter the measured mile, provided the sands on the north side of the pier are in good condition. That will be dependant on the weather before the attempt. Roughly speaking I expect to have about five miles and four and a quarter miles respectively on either side of the measured course although to obtain maximum speed with the new car I really want seven miles on either side."

CHINA DEFEATS ENGLAND IN DISAPPOINTING GAME

BAD DECISIONS RESULT IN FRAYED TEMPER

TAM KONG PAK AND RIDLEY GIVE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

(By Rover)

CHINA defeated England by 3 goals to 2 in a very poor game of soccer yesterday, when the two teams met in the semi-final round of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition, which was played before a huge crowd at the Valley.

Bad decisions by the linesmen and referee resulted in frayed tempers, which ultimately ruined what first promised to be an excellent encounter. Some of the decisions given were outrageously bad, and it is no wonder that the Chinese team had the sympathy of practically all the spectators.

THERE WERE THREE CHANGES IN CHINA'S LINE-UP, CHEUK SHEK-KAM WAS BROUGHT IN AT INSIDE-LEFT, WHILE TAM KONG-PAK WAS MOVED TO CENTRE-FORWARD TO REPLACE FUNG KING-CHEONG, WHO FAILED TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE.

HO KAR-KEUNG, OF THE ATHLETIC, FILLED THE INSIDE-RIGHT POSITION IN THE ABSENCE OF CHAN CHAN-WO (DARKIE CHAN), WHILE LAI KWOK-CHIU FILLED THE PIVOT POSITION VACATED BY CHUI AH-FAI, OF THE ATHLETIC.

The Chinese started off well in the first half, and after their very early goal, through Tam Kong-pak, it looked as if an England "rot" had already set in, but the England team launched several raids during which Wearmouth and Ridley both hit the cross-bar which rasping drives.

Amazing Decisions

This was later followed by several raids by the China forwards, but they were pulled up time and again for alleged off-side infringements, which drew protests from the large gathering of spectators, Tam Kong Pak, in one instance, was pulled up for off-side with the two England backs a few yards in front of him, to the complete amazement of the spectators.

These incidents caused several players to lose their tempers, and although the standard of refereeing improved as the game progressed, the tempers failed to, and the result was a very poor exhibition of sportsmanship on both sides, mingled with flashes of brilliant individual play.

Taking the teams individually, Wong Wing, the China goal-keeper was very safe and was powerless to stop the penalty given against Leung In-chan for hands, and Ridley's header.

China Defence Shaky

Lee Tin-sang and Lau Mau, the two full-backs, started off very badly, being erratic in their clearances, while their distribution was poor and often resulted in the ball coming back to them.

In the second half they were two changed men, and their interceptions at times were brilliant, but they were still nothing like at their best.

Lai Kwok-chiu was the pick of the halves, Leung In-chan having an off-day, while Lee Kwok-wai was surprisingly unable to stand the pace.

China missed Fung King-cheong sadly from among the forwards, and, although Tam Kong-pak filled the vacancy at centre-forward in brilliant manner, it caused a very serious gap at inside-right.

Ho Kar-keung was sadly out of place there, and could do very little right, with one or two exceptions, when he sent out some marvellous passes to Tso Kwai-shing and Ip Pak-wa, the right and left-wingers, respectively.

Tso Kwai-shing was too well marked by Parker to be of much danger in the opening half, but he lasted the second half better than his opposing number, and in the latter stages of the game was very dangerous with several neat centres and powerful drives.

Tam's Brilliant Display

Tam Kong-pak at centre-forward, played a true leader's game, and gave a brilliant all-round display. He was always a danger in the attack and proved this by scoring an excellent goal in the opening minutes of the game, and later with a terrific running drive which proved the undoing of England.

Tam Kong-pak of South China, who gave a brilliant display yesterday as leader of the China team against England.

In defence he was definitely good, and used his head to good effect in clearing many a dangerous centre and long range drive.

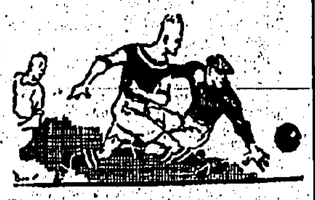
Cheuk Shek-kam, who was brought into the side to fill a vacancy caused by Fung's absence, showed up very poorly throughout the game, with the exception of the last fifteen minutes, when he gave a dazzling display on the left-wing.

Ip Pak-wa needs no introduction, and played his usual game. His centring was neat, but in the opening half he dilly-dallied much too long before parting with the ball, although he put in a wonderful effort from the England goal-line while on the run, and which resulted in Tam heading the first goal.

Poor England Defence

Durham, in goal for England, did not have much to do, and when he was called upon, did not make a very good job of it.

Ash was the pick of the two backs, and played a sterling game, intercepting and spoiling with the greatest of ease. His distribution was good and the ball always found its objective from his boot.



Pile was very shaky throughout and was responsible for several bad blunders, not the least of them being his mis-kick in the second half, when he scored into his own net.

Pardoe was outstanding in the pivot position and gave the Chinese defence many anxious moments. His long range drives, although safely dealt with by Wong Wing, were dangerous at all times.

Parker was the better of the two wing-halves, but lacked staying powers, and late in the second half was over-run by Tso Kwai-shing.

Brooks was clumsy in his tackling and on several occasions unnecessarily sent the ball into touch, when England were in need of goals.

There were only two forwards on display, and they both came from the Lincolns.

Only Two Forwards!

Ridley was one of the best players on the field, and worked unceasingly throughout to get the ball through the China defence. He combined well with Wearmouth, his left-winger, and with Higgins, but was very unlucky with several attempts at goal, two of which struck the cross-bar.

Higgins was also a very hard worker and gave Lee Tin-sang and Lau Mau many anxious moments. He was poorly supported by Stephens, who was too intent on dribbling and frequently lost golden opportunities by poor finishing, although his approach work left nothing to be desired.

Kiley, on the right wing, was a complete failure, and with the exception of his centre from which Ridley scored England's second goal, failed to produce anything like First Division football.

Wearmouth, on the left, while very fast, showed nothing like his true form and for the most part of the first half was a passenger with an injured thigh muscle. In the latter stages of the game he improved, but found Lee Tin-sang too much for him.

Two Quick Goals

The game opened with an attack by China, and Ip Pak-wa succeeded in centring on the England goal-line for Tam to brilliantly head in the first goal of the match.

At the other end, Leung In-chan was penalised for handling, and Ridley made no mistake from the spot kick.

This was followed by a series of attacks by China, which saw some amazing decisions given against them by the referee. This was followed by rough play brought about as a result of these doubtful decisions.

Changing over with the scores level, Tam Kong-pak added his second, when he snapped up a brilliant pass from Ho Kar-keung to score with a great drive from 25 yards out while on the run.

China went further ahead a few minutes later when, in attempting to clear a centre from Ip Pak-wa, Pile, left-back, miskicked, the ball going back into his own net.

England then attacked strongly, and a great effort by Kiley saw a perfect centre drop squarely to Ridley, who made no mistake with a header from close-in. The last minutes of the game saw China attacking strongly.

The teams were:—

China:—Wong Wing (S.C.A.A.); Lee Tin-sang and Lau Mau (S.C.A.A.); Leung In-chan (S.C.A.A.), Lai Kwok-chiu (C.A.A.) and Lee Kwok-wai (S.C.A.A.); Tso Kwai-shing (S.C.A.A.), Ho Kar-keung (C.A.A.), Tam Kong-pak, Cheuk Shek-kam and Ip Pak-wa (S.C.A.A.).

England:—Durham (Artillery); Ash (Lincolns) and C. Pile (Police); Brooks (Police), Pardoe (Capt.) (Artillery), and Parker (Police); Kiley (Navy), Stephens (Police), Higgins (Lincolns), Ridley (Lincolns) and Wearmouth (Navy).

L/Cpl. "Dick" Ridley, who was one of the outstanding players on display for England yesterday against China.

CENTURY KNOCK FOR E. F. FINCHER

K.C.C. Beat Navy By 12 Runs

PARKES SMITH AND CRUNDEN IN BIG STAND

Ernie Fincher's faultless and undefeated innings of 119 for the K.C.C. against the Navy yesterday was the feature of a very even cricket match at the Kowloon Cricket Club, which the home side won by 12 runs. During his innings Fincher reached the boundary on 16 occasions.

Lt. Parkes-Smith (62) and Sto. Crunden (45) were the top scorers for the Navy.

The latter hit two sixes and five fours.

The scores were:—

K.C.C.: 198 for 6 wkts. (E. F. Fincher 119 not out, C. I. Stapleton 25; Briggs 4 for 34).

Navy: 186 (Lt. Parkes-Smith 62, Sto. Crunden 45, E. A. Clayton 22 not out; F. S. W. Smith 6 for 89, R. Lee 3 for 53).

K.C.C. JUNIORS' WIN OVER NAVY

Lawrence Scores Half Century

The second eleven match between the Navy and the Kowloon Cricket Club at King's Park yesterday, was also evenly contested, the latter winning by 13 runs.

F. E. Lawrence, the K.C.C. captain, batted well for his innings of 55 runs, which included 9 fours. Lt. Christain-Smith was the outstanding naval batsman, scoring 46.

The scores were:—

K.C.C.: 169 (F. E. Lawrence 55, J. F. Waplington 37; Lt. Webster 3 for 28, Lt. Comdr. Bertram 2 for 10, L. S. A. Ramsley 2 for 9).

Navy: 156 (Lt. Christain-Smith 46, Mid. Sturdy 32; G. B. Jones 3 for 32, W. L. Mackenzie 2 for 9, G. Lee 2 for 11).

CENTURY STAND AGAINST CLUB

Alec Pearce Causes Army Collapse

A first wicket stand of 126 by Major Bonavia (83) and Lt. Williams (52) very nearly gave the Army victory over the Club in the Triangular Tournament game yesterday. When stumps were drawn the Club required 12 to win with one wicket in hand.

Army 218 (Major Bonavia 83, Lt. Williams 52, T. A. Pearce 8 for 56).

Club 207 for 9 (H. Owen Hughes 87 not out, L. T. Ride 30, Lt. Garthwaite 4 for 32).

PAGE WILL CAPTAIN GLOUCESTER

Hammond's New Contract

D. A. C. Page will captain Gloucestershire next year, as B. H. Lyon may not be able to play regularly owing to business claims.

This captaincy change was revealed yesterday by Mr. A. J. Gardner, the Western County Club's chairman.

It was also stated that Hammond, whose benefit produced £2,620, has signed a five-year's agreement with Gloucestershire.

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Portugal Defeat Wales

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Superior passing and finishing by the Portuguese forwards was responsible for their victory, and many of the movements between Beltrao, B. Gosano, Ward and A. V. Gosano were delightful to watch.

B. Gosano spoiled many of the good openings given him by endeavouring to beat several men before parting with the ball. He was very much at fault in this respect during the second half.

Alves, on the other wing, while responsible for several accurate centres during the second period, was off-form, and appeared wild and unsteady when placed with a good opening. Gomes gave him numerous clever passes, and played a fast and energetic game. His positioning and shooting were very deadly and gave Rowlands many anxious moments.

Elms' Good Display

Elms was undoubtedly the pick of the halves, seeming to be here, there and everywhere. His lightning tackles, and accurate passes to Alves and Gomes were a feature of his game. Beltrao and Delgado were often in the picture, and their coolness and ball distribution was good, though Beltrao appeared a little slow in his spoiling.

The defence was sound, but both backs were prone to mis-kick far too often under pressure, and with a speedier forward line against them, goals would undoubtedly have resulted. Marques did everything well, and made several spectacular saves in the closing stages.

Wonderful Clearance

Raids at either end marked the opening exchanges, and during one A. V. Gosano broke through but Rowlands dived at his feet to effect a wonderful clearance.

Alves and Roberts both missed scoring by wild shooting. Elms sent Gomes away, the latter transferred to Alves, but from the latter's centre, A. V. Gosano's header was splendidly saved by Rowlands.

After further pressure by the Portuguese, B. Gosano secured and his centre was only partially cleared by Rowlands, which gave Ward the opportunity to flash in the first goal for Portugal.

Wales quickly set up a series of retaliatory attacks, and after Roberts had twice gone close with good efforts, Silva-Netto miskicked, and Dennis seized the opportunity to equalise from close range.

Shortly after this, Wales should have taken the lead, when Roberts passed across the goalmouth to Parry. The latter, however, hooked the ball over the bar from three yards. Another chance was missed when, during a melee in front of Marques, Dennis shot outside.

The situation became easier when Souza kicked up the field to Beltrao, who sent "A.V." through, but Wauklin managed to stop him. The ball, however, rolled to Ward, who quickly passed to Gomes, and the latter had no difficulty in beating Rowlands from short-range.

Portugal Dominate Play

The second-half was practically dominated by Portugal, whose clever bouts of passing continually had the Welsh defence in a tangle. During one of the few Welsh attacks, however, Delgado saved a certain goal when he cleared Parry's drive off the line with Marques on the ground.

After pressure by Gosano and Ward, Delgado, who had been following up well, secured and beat Keneghan and Wauklin to score with a beautiful cross-shot.

The fourth and last goal came within 10 minutes of time, when from a throw-in, Bertie Gosano passed to his brother, and A. V. Gosano drove the ball into the net from 5 yards. The closing stages were slow, and though Wales still fought back, their efforts seldom appeared dangerous. The end came with the Portuguese still pressing in the Welsh goal area. The clever passing and experienced play of the Portuguese proved too good for Wales, but credit must go to them for putting up a really good show against a superior side.

The teams were:—

Portugal:—E. Marques; Silva-Netto, Souza; Delgado, Beltrao, Elms; B. Gosano, Ward, A. V. Gosano, Gomes and Alves.

Wales:—Rowlands; Wauklin, Keating; Grindley, Keneghan, Ellis; Parry, Harrison, Dennis, Talbot and Roberts.

SIGNOR POZZO'S COMMENT ABOUT HOME FOOTBALL

WHY ENGLISH ARE HARD TO BEAT

DEGREE BETTER THAN CONTINENTALS

Signor Pozzo, manager of the Italian footballers whom England beat in the much-discussed match at Highbury, has been commenting in the Italian Press on the standard of the Association game in England.

Here are a few of the things he says.

"The English are a degree better than their football colleagues on the Continent in almost every department. The exception is goal-keeping.

"Manipulation of the ball with feet, head, or chest is miraculous. Physical condition is exceptional—and the real basis of superority.

"The English alone posses by power and art to play intuitively; to think, while in action.

"Their quickness makes players seem as if they had been propelled five or six yards by a spring at an extraordinary speed.

"They have ability to pass from one side of the field to the other and find, the mark to a few inches. They can gather the ball, no matter at what speed or from which direction.

"The violence of their charge takes one's breath away."

"MAD SPEED"

Then Signor Pozzo begins to wonder whether it is possible for Continental footballers to withstand such methods.

"The Englishmen played for 90 minutes at Highbury at a mad speed," he comments, "plying hammer blows intended to break down the opposition. The British characteristics of Soccer were unleased in the first 20 minutes. It was a hurricane. There was only one team on the field."

Signor Pozzo still thinks that if conditions had been reversed and England had to fight against a three-goal deficit, with a man short, Italy would have won.

"The reason why the Italians were able to withstand the English challenge is to be found in their muscles and in their spirit.

"This was the miracle of the Italian team; a miracle peculiar to the race, due to the spiritual atmosphere in which we live to-day in Italy.

"This is quite different from the English conception, which does not consider the results of sport events as matter of transcendental importance.

"The difficulty of combating the English on their home ground can only be realised from experience. If another chance is given, our players will have a tremendous advantage in having already met England."

ARSENAL SIGN ON NEW WELSH FORWARD

Arsenal have secured the signature of W. Clarke, the inside forward of Cwm Athletic, on amateur forms. Other English clubs were anxious to secure the services of this Welsh forward.

LARRY GAINS SEEKING FIGHT

Larry Gains is out with a challenge to either Len Harvey or Walter Neusel for a twelve rounds fight for £200 a side.

China Mail Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Cricket.—Triangular Tournament.
Royal Navy v. Army
(H.K.C.C. ground, 11 a.m.)

Hockey.—
Y.M.C.A. seconds v. Sikh Association
(5.15 p.m.)

TO-MORROW

Billiards.—Steel Coulson League.
Royal Engineers v. Royal Artillery
St. Patrick's Club v. Chief and Petty Officers
Garrison Sergeants v. East Lancashires.

Cricket.—Traingular Tournament.
Royal Navy v. Army
(H.K.C.C., 11 a.m.)

Hockey.—
H.M.S. Suffolk v. Hong Kong Hockey Juniors
(King's Park, 5 p.m.)

RANGER'S EXCLUSIVE FORECAST

POMPEY MAY TAKE POINT IN HIGHBURY ENCOUNTER

SATURDAY'S HOME SOCCER PROGRAMME

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (1)	v Portsmouth (1)
ASTON V. (1)	v Birmingham (1)
BLACKB'N (3)	v Liverpool (1)
Chelsea (0)	v DERBY (2)
EVERTON (1)	v Tottenham (1)
GRIMSBY (3)	v Preston (0)
HUD'FIELD (2)	v Sunderland (1)
MAN'TER C. (2)	v West Brom (?)
MIDDLESB'O (2)	v Leeds (1)
STOKE (0)	v Wednesday (1)
WOLVES (1)	v Leicester (1)

SECOND DIVISION

BARNSLEY (-)	v Bradford (-)
BLACKP'L (2)	v Bury (0)
BOLTON (1)	v Oldham (0)
Bradford C. (1)	v MAN'TER U. (1)
NEWCASTLE (-)	v Notts F. (-)
NORWICH (-)	v Brentford (-)
Notts C. (1)	v SWANSEA (1)
PLYM'TH (4)	v Fulham (0)
SHEF'LD U. (-)	v Port Vale (-)
S'AMPTON (2)	v Burnley (1)
W. HAM (2)	v Hull (1)

THIRD DIVISION (North)

BARROW (3)	v Wrexham (1)
Carlisle (2)	v TRANMERE (1)
CHESTER (4)	v Gateshead (0)
CHESTERF'D (2)	v Rotherham (1)
DONCASTER (4)	v Crewe (0)
HARTLEP'LS (0)	v Walsall (1)
Mansfield (6)	v HALIFAX (1)
N. BRIGHT'N (0)	v Accrington (3)
ROCHDALE (-)	v Lincoln (-)
Southport (1)	v STOCKPORT (4)
York (1)	v DARLINGT'N (1)

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Bournemouth (-)	v MILLWALL (-)
BRISTOL R. (1)	v Brighton (1)
CRYSTAL P. (4)	v Aldershot (1)
CHARLTON (2)	v Cardiff (0)
NEWPORT (1)	v Exeter (0)
Northampton (2)	v COVENTRY (2)
QN'S P.R. (1)	v Swindon (0)
READING (4)	v Clapton (0)
Southend (0)	v LUTON (1)
TORQUAY (2)	v Gillingham (1)
Watford (1)	v Bristol C. (1)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Airdrie (1)	v St. Johnstone (1)
Ayr (3)	v HAMILTON (1)
CELTIC (0)	v Hearts (0)
DUNDEE (8)	v Queen O'S (0)
Dunfermline (-)	v CLYDE (-)
Falkirk (6)	v ABERDEEN (5)
Hibernian (4)	v Kilmarnock (1)
MOTHERW'L (2)	v Rangers (1)
PARTICK (-)	v Albion (-)
St. Mirren (1)	v Queen's Pk. (2)

[Figures in brackets denote result of corresponding game last season, and teams in capital letters are favoured to win. All teams mentioned first are playing at home.]

LEAGUE MARKSMEN

Drake Has Clear Lead Over Lythgoe

The following were the leading league goal-scorers to November 30:

DIVISION I.

Drake (Arsenal)	21
Lythgoe (Huddersfield)	17
Glover (Grimsby)	16
Richardson W. G., (W.B.A.)	15
Dean (Everton)	13
Hartill (Wolves)	13
Sale (Stoke)	13
Hodgson (Liverpool)	12

DIVISION II

Milsom (Bolton)	16
Westwood (Bolton)	14
Holliday (Brentford)	12
Mutch (Man. U.)	12
Hampson (Blackpool)	11
Melaniphy (Plymouth)	11
Mills (West Ham)	11

DIVISION III. (S.)

Dawes (C. Palace)	13
Bird (Newport)	12
Brown (Brighton)	12
Bourton (Coventry)	11
Peters (Swindon)	11

DIVISION III. (N.)

Valentine (Halifax)	16
Best (Darlington)	12
Read (Lincoln)	11
Wallbanks (Chester)	11

ARSENAL LOSE

(Continued From Page 1)

Another upset took place at Villa Park, where Chelsea snatched an away victory from Aston Villa by two clear goals. Manchester City improved their position by recording the "double" over Leeds with a clean cut win, while West Bromwich lost to Stoke in their away fixture by the same margin of goals by which they won their Christmas Day encounter.

Brentford Held

In the Third Division (North), Brentford, the leaders, and Plymouth again shared two goals, recording a draw in their home and away fixtures, while Notts County secured their revenge over Manchester United by an only goal to reverse the Christmas Day result.

In the Third Division (South) Swindon held the leaders, Charlton, to a draw of two goals each, while Brighton caused the only upset by reversing the previous day's result to beat Luton Town by 4 goals to 1.

In the Third Division (North), Tranmere, the leaders, improved their position by beating Barrow by the only goal.

FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Showing Form Of Clubs At A Glance

A COMPREHENSIVE guide to the form of all the major English Football Clubs and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended tables. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they have fared in their last five matches are given. The letters W, L and D indicate matches won, lost, and drawn, respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season. The asterisk indicates a promoted team, and the dagger signifies a relegated team.

The following League positional tables give home and away details and include all matches played to date with the exception of yesterday's results:

First Division

	P.	HOME P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.	AWAY P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	Pts	TL. Pts
Arsenal (1) WdWlW	21	11	10	1	1	52	11	20	10	1	3	6	16	18	8	28
Sunderland (6) dWwLl	21	11	6	4	1	26	16	13	10	5	1	4	20	14	14	27
Man'ter C. (5) WwWlw	21	9	6	1	2	19	8	14	12	6	5	1	22	25	13	27
W. Brom. (7) WlWwW	21	11	7	1	3	35	15	17	10	4	5	1	18	27	9	26
Stoke (12) WlLwl	21	9	6	2	1	25	12	13	12	6	6	0	20	21	12	25
Liverpool (18) WlWw	20	10	8	1	1	27	13	17	10	3	6	1	14	33	7	24
*Grimsby (-) lDlWW	21	11	7	0	4	26	10	18	10	2	6	2	16	19	6	24
Everton (14) lWdWW	21	11	10	1	0	35	14	20	10	0	6	4	11	22	4	24
Wednesday (11) DwDlW	21	11	7	0	4	24	11	18	10	2	7	1	9	23	5	28
Derby (4) lWwWl	21	11	6	3	2	27	16	14	10	4	6	0	17	58	8	22
Aston V. (13) lDlDl	21	10	6	0	4	27	16	16	11	2	8	1	13	33	5	21
Portsm'h (10) DwLld	21	10	5	2	3	23	11	13	11	2	7	2	18	30	6	19
Leeds (9) WdDdL	21	12	5	4	3	26	23	13	9	1	4	4	11	22	6	19
Wolves (15) lLwWW	21	11	7	3	1	33	18	15	10	1	7	2	11	27	4	19
Tottenham (3) lWlDl	21	10	5	2	3	21	15	13	11	2	8	1	10	26	5	18
Birm'ham (20) WlLll	21	10	5	5	0	14	18	10	11	3	7	1	13	26	7	17
*Preston (-) lLdLl	21	10	5	4	1	14	11	11	11	1	6	4	18	31	6	17
Blackburn (8) WlLdD	21	11	4	3	4	17	16	12	10	1	6	3	11	23	5	17
Hud'field (2) lDwLw	21	9	5	2	2	23	12	12	12	2	9	1	14	31	5	17
Chelsea (19) dWlWW	21	11	6	5	0	21	19	12	10	2	7	1	9	24	5	17
Mid'boro' (16) lWdWl	20	9	3	2	4	15	12	10	11	1	7	3	15	24	5	15
Leicester (17) lLlWL	21	12	4	6	2	19	18	10	9	1	6	2	10	28	4	14

Second Division

	P.	HOME P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.	AWAY P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	Pts	TL. Pts
Brentford (4) WdWwW	21	11	10	0	1	35	8	21	10	4	3	3	21	18	11	32
Bolton (3) wWlWd	21	10	9	1	0	34	8	18	11	6	4	1	20	19	13	31
W. Ham (7) WdWww	21	10	9	1	0	26	9	18	11	5	4	2	20	24	12	30
M'ter U. (20) lWwWW	21	12	11	1	0	31	10	22	9	4	5	0	15	18	8	30
Notts F. (17) WwWlW	21	11	8	0	3	27	9	19	10	3	5	2	16	21	8	27
Blackp'l (11) WlWlW	21	11	9	1	1	26	9	19	10	2	5	3	17	22	7	26
†Newcastle (-) WlWwW	21	10	7	3	0	27	14	14	11	5	6	0	21	26	10	24
Bury (12) WdWlL	21	11	9	2	0	20	13	18	10	1	7	2	8	19	4	22
Burnley (15) dLwLD	21	11	6	3	2	24	15	14	10	3	5	2	11	18	8	22
Fulham (16) WlWld	21	10	8	0	2	31	11	18	11	0	7	4	4	17	4	22
Plym'h (10) WwWl	21	9	6	2	1	25	15	13	12	3	7	2	16	24	8	21
*Barnsley (-) WdLlW	20	10	6	1	3	18	6	15	10	1	8	1	12	39	3	18
Bradford (5) DdLDd	21	11	3	3	5	15	14	11	10	1	4	5	9	16	7	18
S'ampton (14) lDlWw	21	10	4	1	5	17	12	13	11	1	7	3	9	28	5	18
Hull (15) DwWdl	21	10	5	3	2	15	11	12	11	2	8	1	16	35	5	17
Bradford C. (6) lDlWl	21	10	5	2	3	18	10	13	11	2	9	0	9	11	4	17
Port Vale (8) lDlDW	21	12	5	3	4	23	19	14	9	0	6	3	2	13	3	17
†Sheffield (-) DlLlL	20	10	4	4	2	24	16	10	10	2	6	2	13	17	6	16
Swansea (19) lDlDL	21	12	5	3	4	20	15	14	9	0	8	1	7	20	1	15
Norwich (-) LlLdl	21	9	4	3	2	22	12	10	12	1	8	3	14	28	5	15
Oldham (9) lWlLl	21	10	5	3	2	21	16	12	11	0	10	1	7	36	1	13
Notts C. (18) lWlDl	21	10	2	6	2	13	22	6	11	0	8	3	7	26	3	9

Third Division (S.)

	P.	HOME P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.	AWAY P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	Pts	TL. Pts
Charlton (5) lWwWW	20	10	9	0	1	35	9	19	10	4	4	2	16	17	10	29
Reading (3) WWWld	19	9	8	0	1	31	6	17	10	3	5	2	16	17	8	25
Coventry (2) LDWlW	19	11	7	1	3	32	8	17	8	3	4	1	9	12	7	24
Bristol C. (19) WWWdD	19	11	8	2	1	16	6	17	8	1	4	3	8	18	5	22
†Millwall (-) lWLwD	20	11	5	3	3	16	14	13	9	4	4	1	14	16	9	22
Luton (6) WlwWW	20	10	6	1	3	22	11	16	10	2	5	3	11	15	7	22
Watford (15) WWWww	19	10	7	3	0	24	10	14	9	2	4	3	12	14	7	21
Brighton (10) wdlLl	19	8	6	1	1	19	3	13	11	2	6	3	10	19	7	20
N'ampton (13) DDWld	19	9	6	1	2	18	10	14	10	2	6	2	10	22	6	19
Cardiff (22) dwWlD	20	11	5	3	3	18	17	13	9	2	5	2	11	23	6	19
Newport (18) LlWdL	20	11	15	4	2	20	16	12	9	3	5	1	8	24	7	19
Torquay (20) wlwLW	19	9	6	1	2	23	11	14	9	2	6	1	11	18	5	19
Queen's P.R. (4) lllWW	19	9	5	1	3	18	11	13	10	2	7	1	7	19	5	18
Swindon (8) dlDl	19	9	5	1	3	22	8	13	10	1	7	2	15	30	4	17
Bristol R. (7) llWw	19	8	3	0	5	26	17	11	11	2	8	1	11	33	5	16
Exeter (9) DWWdl	19	10	5	4	1	17	16	11	9	0	5	4	13	19	4	15
Gillingham (17) DwLll	20	9	3	3	3	14	17	9	11	1	7	3	13	23	5	14
Aldershot (14) ldlDL	19	9	4	3	3	17	10	11	9	0	6	3	4	20	3	14
Bournem'h (21) DWLlW	19	10	5	4	1	21	17	11	9	1	7	1	4	18	3	14
Southend (16) LddlL	19	8	3	5	0	13	15	6	11	0	7	4	11	29	4	10

Third Division (N.)

	P.	HOME P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.	AWAY P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	Pts	TL. Pts
Tranmere (7) WWWdl	19	10	10	0	0	28	6	20	9	3	2	4	11	9	10	30
Halifax (9) WlDlL	21	12	9	1	2	24	13	20	9	3	4	2	11	13	8	28
Doncaster (5) dwwWl	19	8	6	2	0	18	9	12	11	4	2	5	12	12	13	25
Chester (10) dwlDW	19	9	6	1	2	29	9	14	10	4	4	2	14	14	10	24
Darlington (16) lddWw	19	8	5	1	2	19	7	12	11	5	4	2	21	22	12	24
Mansfield (1) wDWWW	19	10	8	1	1	27	9	17	9	2	5	2	8	16	6	23
†Lincoln (-) wDLWw	18	10	6	3	1	26	11	13	8	4	3	1	12	12	9	22
Crewe (14) lWdWW	20	11	8	2	1	27	17	17	9	1	5	3	15	26	5	22
Wrexham (6) WWLll	19	10	6	2	2	22	12	14	9	2	4	3	12	18	7	21
Stockport (3) llWl	19	9	6	2	1	24	10	13	10	4	6	0	22	25	8	21
Chesterfield (2) DlWlw	20	9	6	1	2	20	8	14	11	2	7	2	11	17	6	20
Barrow (8) WLDlW	19	10	6	2	2	20	13	14	9	1	5	3	7	16	5	19
Rotherham (21) lWWDl	18	10	5	1	4	23	12	14	8	1	7	0	7	24	2	16
York (1) wllLW	19	9	6	2	1	21	8	13	10	1	8	1	11	34	3	16
Accrington (20) lWlWl	21	10	6	2	2	19	13	14	11	0	9	2	11	32	2	16
Gateshead (19) LlllW	18	9	5	2	2	16	10	12	9	1	7	1	11	28	3	15
Rochdale (22) WDWwL	19	11	4	4	3	16	21	11	8	1	6	1	3	18	3	14
Walsall (4) LWWlW	20	11	4	3	4	21	13	12	9	0	7	2	10	23	2	14
N. Brighton (15) lwlLl	19	8	0	4	4	4	10	4	11	4	6	1	15	19	9	13
Hartlepools (11) WlldW	18	8	3	3	2	15	13	8	10	2	7	1	12	23	5	13
Southport (18) ldlWl	18	8	3	4	1	12	15	7	11	1	7	3	15	29	5	12
Carlisle (13) lDLWl	18	10	5	3	2	19	16	12	8	0	8	0	3	24	0	12

Scottish League

	P.	HOME P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.	AWAY P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	Pts	TL. Pts
Rangers (1) WDlLW	22	11	8	1	2	30	11	18	11	7	3	1	27	14	15	33
Celtic (3) WwWlW	24	11	8	1	2	35	8	18	13	6	5	2	22	18	14	32
Hearts (6) lDWdW	22	11	6	0	5	26	9	17	11	6	3	2	21	14	14	31
St. J'stone (9) ddlDW	22	11	9	0	2	28	4	20	11	3	4	4	12	16	10	30
Aberdeen (5) WWlDW	22	13	9	2	2	26	12	20	9	3	3	3	15	14	9	29
Hamilton (11) DdWdW	21	11	9	0	2	37	16	20	10	2	3	5	13	17	9	29
Dundee (12) lLwWw	23	11	6	2	3	14	18	15	12	5	5	2	21	23	12	27
Motherwell (2) lWlWw	22	10	8	0	2	35	12	18	12	2	7	3	14	20	7	25
Kilmarnock (7) WlWwL	23	12	6	4	0	29	15	16	11	3	6	2	20	22	8	24
*Clyde (14) lLlWW	22	11	8	3	2	22	14	14	11	3	4	4	16	29	10	24
Hibernian (16) WwWWl	22	11	6	1	4	20	7	16	11	3	7	1	13	21	7	23
Queen O'S (4) lwWdL	22	12	6	4	2	18	12	14	10	2	5	3	11	18	7	21
Airdrie (18) dFgll	22	10	6	3	1	16	12	13	12	2	7	3	16	29	7	20
*Albion (-) WWdDL	22	12	5	4	3	19	19	13	10	2	6	2	10	22	6	19
Queen's Pk. (15) lDlWl	22	9	5	2	2	18	12	12	13	0	9	4	8	38	4	16
Partick (10) WwDll	21	12	5	4	3	22	18	13	9	1	8	0	6	23	2	15
Ayr (8) WWdLl	22	11	5	4	2	17	16	12	11	1	9	1	14	47	3	15
Falkirk (10) lLlDl	22	11	4	5	2	23	15	10	11	0	10	1	9	29	1	11
St. Mirren (17) lLLdl	22	10	2	7	1	10	18	5	12	1	9	2	8	25	4	9
*Dunferml'e (-) DlLwl	22	10	2	6	2	15	27	6	12	1	10	1	10	42	3	9

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MILLWALL HALF-BACK LEAVES HOSPITAL

Forsyth, the Millwall half-back, who had an eye injured a month ago, has left hospital, but it may be some little time before he will be fit to play again.

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HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorised Capital $50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up $20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling ..... £ 6,500,000
Silver $10,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $20,000,000

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Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Company, and Sterling on terms, which will be quoted on application.

Hong Kong, 18th April, 1934.

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

FOR THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1934.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

Authorised Capital $10,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ..... $ 5,596,600.00
Reserve and Undivided Profits $2,484,000.00

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		Yokohama

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local and Foreign Currencies on terms which will be quoted on application.

Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1934.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.

Head Office:—Taihoku, Formosa,
Incorporated in Japan by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.
Central Bank of Formosa, Notes issued
Average amount Y.45,000,000
Branches and Agencies.
Japan:—Kobe, Osaka, Tokyo, Yokohama, Keelung, Makong, Nanto, Shoka, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Taito, Takao, Tamsui, Toen, Karenko, Kagi, Heito, Giran.
China:—Amoy, Canton, Foochow, Hankow, Shanghai, Swatow.
Others:—Bombay, Hong Kong, London, New York, Singapore, Batavia, Samarang, Soerabaya, Dairen.

On and after April 20th, 1934, the rate of Interest on Special Current Deposit will be at 1½% p.a. on daily balance and the rate for balance over $10,000 will be quoted on application (Maximum rate—1¼).

Y. OHNO,
Manager.

Hong Kong Branch
3, Des Voeux Road, Central.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

Established 1880

Capital (fully paid-up) Yen.100,000,000
Reserve Fund Yen.124,250,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA

Branches and Agencies at:

Alexandria	Nagasaki
Batavia	Nagoya
Berlin	New York
Bombay	Osaka
Calcutta	Paris
Canton	Peiping
Dairen (Dalny)	Rangoon
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Honolulu	Singapore
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Moji	

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods with rates to be obtained on application.

C. KISHINAMI,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th September, 1934.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £3,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

Agencies and Branches:

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Amritsar	Ipoh	Saigon
Bangkok	Karachi	Semarang
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Harbin		
Hong Kong		

Foreign Exchange and General Banking business transacted.

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W. H. E. THOMAS,
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Hong Kong, 20th February, 1934.

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Established 1912.
Head Office:—Hong Kong.

Authorised Capital $11,000,000
Paid-up Capital 8,655,000
Total Resources 32,170,492

Branches: Canton, Toishan, Shanghai, Hankow, Bangkok & San Francisco.
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Foreign Exchange and Banking business of every discription transacted.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

Safe Deposit Boxes (various sizes) for hire.

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY, INC.

Head Office:—65, Broadway, New York

Capital .....U.S.$6,000,000.00
Surplus 2,087,112.69
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Amsterdam	Genoa	Milan
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Bremen	Interlaken	Rotterdam
Brussels	Jerusalem	Rome
Cairo	London	Shanghai
Calcutta	Liverpool	Southampton
Cannes	Lucerne	Singapore
Colombo	Lugano	Tientsin
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E. W. DUGGAN,
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THE WING ON BANK, LTD.

HONG KONG

Authorised Capital $10,000,000

Foreign Exchange and Banking Business of every description transacted.

Current Accounts opened, Special Deposits received at special rates, and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter period at rates which will be quoted on application.

Safe Deposit Boxes (various sizes) for hire.

PHILIP GOCKCHIN
Chief Manager
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LI SHU FONG
Assistant Manager.

LOCAL DOLLAR ADVANCES

Silver Prices Improve

The local dollar has advanced ⅛, opening on demand on Christmas Eve at 1/8⅜.

Spot and forward silver prices have improved 1/16 closing at 23-15/16 and 24-1/16, respectively.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.$4.94⅛, as compared with £—U.S.$4.94⅜.

The New York on London rate was quoted at £—U.S.$4.94¼, as compared with £—U.S.$4.94½.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
On T.T. and demand ... 1/8⅜
4 months' sight 1/8½
Credits 4 months' sight ..1/9⅛
On Shanghai—
On demand 121
On Singapore—
On demand 72¼
On Japan:—
On demand 145½
On India—
On T.T. and demand ... 112⅝
On New York—
On demand 41⅞
Credits 60 days' sight ... 43¼
On Batavia—
On demand 61¾
On Paris—
On demand 635
Credits 4 months' sight .. 665
On Saigon—
On demand 63½
On Manila—
On demand 83¾
On Bangkok—
On demand 109¼
Sovereigns bank buying rate ..1/9
Bar Silver per oz. 23-15/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong ..... nom.
Copper Cash .....nominal
Copper Cents ..... 1% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 3%, p.a.
Chinese Sub Coin .... 27½% dis.
Hong Kong Sub Coin ..... par.

U.S. AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

Registrations Best Since 1930

STEEL ORDERS HIGHEST SINCE JUNE

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1892. Received December 27, 10.50 a.m.)

New York, to-day.

The "Ironage" states that steel orders from the automobile industry are the highest since June.

Automobile registrations exceed those of the previous for the first time since 1930.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

THE CHINA & SOUTH SEA BANK, LIMITED

(Incorporated in China)
Head Office ...Shanghai
Capital $7,500,000.00
Reserve $1,500,000.00
Branches .....All Important Cities in China

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.

Current and Saving Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

SOU Z. CHANG,
Manager.

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Foreign Exchange Dept. „ 33566
General Office ..... „ 33567
Cashier's Office ..... „ 33569

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(Incorporated in China)

Capital paid up .....$5,000,000.
Reserves .....$7,000,000.
Capital Savings Dept. $500,000.
Reserve Savings Dept. $600,000.
Head Office—Shanghai

A Bank having as its mission the industrial development of China and the fostering of her commercial relations abroad.

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LOCAL SHARES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
H.K. Bank $1625 b. and sa.
H.K. Bank (London) £138½ n.
Chartered Bank £16 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. £82 n.
Mercantile Bank C. £13½ n.
Bank of East Asia, $93 n.
Am: O. Finance Corp., Sh. $20 n.
China O. Fin. Ord., Sh. $1.80 n.
China O. Fin. Pref Sh. $4½ n.

Insurances.
Canton Ins. $270 b.
Union Ins. $510 b.
China Underwriters $1.20 b.
China Fire Ins. $520 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., $237½ n.
International Assce. Sh. $5 n.

Shipping.
Douglases, $40 s.
H.K. Steamboats, $7¼ n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), $80 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), $38 n.
Shells (Bearer) 44/4½ n.
Union Waterboats, $18¾ n.

Mining.
Antamoks 75 cts. sa.
Balatocs, $37 n.
Baguio Gold 40 cts. n.
Benguet Consolidated $13¾ n.
Benguet Exploration 21 cts. n.
Benguet Goldfield, 20 cts. n.
Big Wedge, 10 cts. n.
Gold Creek 23 cts. n.
Gold Rivers 24 cts. n.
Ipo Mining $1 n.
Itogans 40 cts. n.
Salucots 16 cts. n.
Kailan 19/- n.
Langkats (Single) Sh. $15 n.
S'hai Exploration Sh. $5 n.
S'hai Loans, Sh. $6 n.
Raubs $10.70 n.
Venz: Goldfield $5 n.

Docks, etc.
H.K. Wharves $110 b., $112¾ s., $111 sa.
H.K. Docks, $12¾ n.
Providents (old) $1.40 n.
Providents (new), 50 cts. n.
Hongkews, Sh. $309 n.
New Engineerings, Sh. $5¾ n.
S'hai Docks, Sh. $120 n.

Cotton Mills.
Ewo Cottons Sh. $9 n.
S'hai Cotton (old) $74 n.
S'hai Cottons (new) $44¾ n.
Zoong Sings, Sh. $9.40 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $55 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H.K. and S. Hotels $5.05 n.
H.K. Lands $54 b.
H.K. Lands 4% Debentures 99½% b.
Shanghai Lands Sh. $24½ n.
Metropolitan Lands Sh. $12.20 n.
Humphreys $9¾ n.
H.K. Realties $5.30 n.
Asia Realties "A", Sh. $100 n.
Asia Realties "B" Sh.$20 n.
Chinese Estates $88 n.
China Realties, Sh. $12¼ n.
China Debentures Sh. $123 n.

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways $20.10 b.
Peak Trams (old) $12 n.
Peak Trams (new), $7 n.
Star Ferries $98 b.
Yaumati Ferries $98 b.
C. Light (old) $10.40 n.
C. Light (new) $10.15 n.
H.K. Electrics $71½ b., $71½ sa.
Macao Electrics, $25 n.
Sandakan Lights $8 n.
Telephone (old) $24¾ n.
Telephone (new) $10.70 b.
China Buses, Sh. $12.40 n.
Singapore Tractions 4/8 b.
Singapore Pref. $17/9 n.

Industrials
Malabon Sugars, $8.70 n.
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $20 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.) Sh$193¾ n.
Canton Ices $2.85 n.
Cements $2.80 n.
H.K. Ropes $4.10 n.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms $24 n.
Watsons $5 n.
Lane, Crawfords $3.75 n.
Mackintoshs, $21 n.
Sinceres $3 n.
Wm. Powells, 70 cts. n.
Wing On (H.K.) $105 n.

Miscellaneous.
H.K. Amusements, $2¾ n.
Entertainments, $7½ n.
S.C. Enterprises, $1 b.
Macao "Greyhounds," $2 n.
Constructions (old) $2 n.
Constructions (new) 70 cts. b.
Vibro-Piling $6.60 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds.—92% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, 8% prem. b.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 2% prem. b.
Wallace Harpers $7¾ n.

New York Trade Reports

Automobile Output Increased

RAILROADS SHOW DROP IN NETT INCOME

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1892. Received December 27, 11.30 a.m.)

New York, To-day.

Traders principally occupy sidelines, awaiting President Roosevelt's congressional message on January 4.

Favourable factors are that automobile production is 34,297, against 24,801 for last week and 18,008 for the corresponding week of last year, and that Youngstown District steel operations are, by 44 per cent., the highest for this period since 1929.

An unfavourable factor was that 11 railroads show a nett operating income for November of $13,230,000, as against $15,924,000 for last year.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

S. E. Levy And Company's Report

In their market report, Messrs. S. E. Levy and Company, correspondents for Messrs. White, Weld and Company, New York state:

"Stocks:—Continuing and of the year adjustments suggest further irregularity to-morrow. Business done:—1,050,000 shares.

"Bonds: — U. S. Government Bonds were quiet, high grade bonds were unchanged and second grade bonds were easier.

"Grains:—Sub-zero weather in important sections is stimulating buying. Grains for feeding pur-

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

S. E. Levy And Co. And A.O.F.C. Quotations

The following quotations from New York have been received by Messrs. S. E. Levy and the American Oriental Finance Corporation.

	Last close	10.10.	11.00
N. Y. London	4.94⅜	4.94¼	4.94¼
N. Y. Cotton—			
Mar.	12.63	12.62	12.59
July	12.71	12.70	12.70
M. Silver—			
Mar.	54.10 b	54.00 b	54.00 b
May	54.60 n	54.50 b	54.50 b
N. Y. Silk—			
May	1.33	——	1.32½
N. Y. Rubber—			
Mar.	13.08	13.06	13.08
July	13.48 a	13.46	13.46
C. Wheat—			
May	99⅝	——	1.00⅛
July	93½	——	94
C. Corn—			
May	88½	——	89⅞
W. Wheat—			
May	83	Market closed	
STOCKS:—			
Amer Amelting	37¼	——	37½
Auburn	25	25	25
Con Gas N. Y.	19⅞	19⅝	19¼
Du Pont ...	94⅝	95¼	95
Elec Bond & Share ...	6½	6⅝	6½
General Motors	32⅛	32⅜	33⅜
Int Tel & Tel	8¼	8⅜	8¼
Loew's Inc .	34	33¾	34
Montgomery Ward	28¼	28½	28½
Nat Distillers	28⅛	28½	28¼
N.Y. Central	20	20¼	20
Standard Oil N. J.	41⅞	——	41⅞
U. S. Steel .	37	37⅜	37⅛

RAW RUBBER PRICES

Latest Quotations From Singapore

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts yesterday received the following Straits currency quotations (buyers) from Singapore for Raw Rubber:—

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April-June 28⅛ Unchanged.
Market—Nominal.

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THOMAS CALLS CONFERENCE

Attempts To Secure One Objective

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

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Washington, To-day.

Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma has called a conference here for January 16 for the purpose of solidifying behind a single objective all the groups who are seeking a higher price level and greater currency circulation through controlled inflation.— United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS MADE BY CHINA LIGHT

(Continued from Page 9)

Small House Acquired

During the year we acquired a small house on Humphreys' Avenue, and adapted it to our needs as a Sub-Station and a Cash-Collecting office and showroom.

Development of our New Territories undertaking continues, and the results may be considered satisfactory.

After making the usual transfer of $60,000 to Reserve re-General Managers' Rights and an additional transfer this year of $104,935.01, we have a sum of $785,315.16 (including $169,466.75 brought forward) available for distribution. We recommend the payment of a dividend of 45 cents per share on the "Old" Shares and proportionately on the "New" Shares, leaving about $101,496.59 to be carried forward.

Shareholders will agree with me that we owe a great deal to the loyalty, industry and efficiency of our staff, without which such results could not be attained.

I now put the following formal resolution to the Meeting:—

That the report and accounts for the financial year ended September 30, 1934, as presented to this meeting be adopted and passed, that a dividend of 45 cents per share on the shares allotted prior to October 1, 1933, and proportionately on the shares allotted subsequently to that date be declared in respect of the financial year ended September 30, 1934, and that the undivided profits of the Company (after the transfer of a sum of $164,935.01 to Reserve re-General Managers' Rights) less such Dividend, be carried forward to Profit and Loss Account for the financial year 1934/35.

Mr. Felix A. Joseph seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Mr. T. M. Mitchell proposed the re-election of Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E. and the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga to the Board of Directors. This was seconded by Mr. H. J. M. de Figueiredo.

The re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis for the ensuing year at a remuneration of $1,800 each, was proposed by Mr. A. Nissim and seconded by Mr. F. Ellis.

Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Head Office on and after January 7, 1935.

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T. H. KING,
Inspector General of Police.
Hong Kong, 27th Dec., 1934.

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Hong Kong, December 27, 1934.

SUGGESTION FOR PARLIAMENT

They Manage Things Better In China

General Han Fu-chu, chairman of Shangtung province, is showing how advantageous it is to be the blunt soldier at times. He has just put into effect a new decree ordering all superfluous utterances of officials in official announcements to be cut out and only the simplest and most straightforward sentences and phraseology be used hereafter.

How necessary and real this piece of reform is can be judged in the statement published in connection with the promulgation of thee order that it is expected that official announcements will be shortened by as much as eighty per cent.

QUEER PROFESSION

Swallowing Dubious Eggs For A Living

There was once an oyster bar attendant who would wax indignant when accused of serving a bad oyster. His classic reply was to take the suspected mollusc and, with a fine air of dignity, declare, "Sir, I never serve a bad oyster," and prove his words by swallowing it.

Geneva's market women achieve the same end, but they do it by deputy. Tell one of them that an egg is not fresh and she will, in a sense, make you eat your words. Having broken the shell and poured the contents into a cup she will give a shrill whistle. It is a signal to an official swallower, who promptly makes his appearance and disposes of the egg in a single gulp. He makes his living that way and, so far as most would be concerned, he is welcome to it.

TRANSPORT BY AIR OF PERISHABLE GOODS IN THE TROPICS

Seventeen years ago last month Eddie Rickenbacker was making headlines as America's ace of aces in France. He is still making headlines in the air, with record-breaking transcontinental flights and round-trip flights between New York and Florida between dawn and dusk. He has just succeeded in clipping 58m. 10 sec. off the previous fastest time recorded between Los Angeles and New York. The flight was made at an average attitude of 14,000 feet and his average speed was 221 miles an hour.

THE IMPOSSIBLE NOW ACCOMPLISHED

TROUT EGGS CARRIED TO TANGANYIKA

LONELY OUTPOSTS NO LONGER

The coming of the mail-plane has worked wonders in the tropics.

At Mpika, a small township in the heart of the jungle in Tanganyika, the manager of the local hotel now obtains practically all his supplies of perishable foodstuffs, such as meat, butter, eggs, and bacon, by air. These are dispatched each week by the air-mail flying northward from Cape Town. They are loaded on to the 'plane at Broken Hill, and reach him two or three hours later. The only other method of obtaining supplies is by motor-van, travelling over rough tracks, and occupying two days or more on the journey.

One of the difficulties experienced by farmers in South Africa has been to obtain pedigree poultry stock from Britain. The transport of live poultry over distances of 8,000 or 9,000 miles is too expensive, and, when the importing of hatching eggs by steamer is tried, it is often found that when the eggs arrive in Africa they are unfertile. Experiments in having eggs sent out by the air-mail have proved extremely successful, the average hatchings which have resulted being in the neighbourhood of 60 or 70 per cent.

Recently the Tanganyika Angling Club had a number of young trout swimming round in a hatching pond belonging to the Club; and these trout had all been hatched from a special consignment of eggs which had been sent by air from the Government Hatching Station at Jonkershoek, in South Africa.

At Juba the local baker now receives a weekly consignment of fresh yeast from Khartoum by air-mail, and the fact that this arrives so fresh has a great deal to do, he says, with the excellent quality of his bread.

One of the residents in Juba was explaining, the other day, how air transport has banished that feeling of isolation which those in Juba used to experience.

"Before the coming of the air-mail," he said, "if we wanted anything which did not happen to be in stock in the town it used to take us weeks to obtain it, and that made us feel right out of things. But now this feeling has gone entirely, and one of the most frequent remarks one hears is:—"'Wire to Khartoum and have it sent down by air.'"

Along the southern shores of the Persian Gulf are small colonies of Europeans, stationed amid the Arab tribes. This coast is desert country, and the amenities of modern life have hitherto been lacking sadly. The advent of the flying mail has, however, changed all this considerably, the big air-liners on the India route now passing regularly up and down this Arabian side of the Gulf. Even in some of the most arid districts, where it is difficult, if not impossible, to grow anything but dates, fresh fruit is now available, regular consignments being flown from India, by the weekly air-mail, to the various points of call along the Gulf.

A Successful Picnic

The value of this service was illustrated at Bahrein, not long ago, on the occasion of a picnic party organised by the staff of one of the companies which are investigating the oil-fields believed to exist in this territory. Early on the day before the picnic they sent a cable to Karachi, asking for supplies of fresh fruit and other dainties to be sent down to them by air. And this consignment duly arrived, after a flight of 1,500 miles, at 10.15 the following morning—that is to say, on the day of the picnic.

Another interesting development of the air traffic along the Persian Gulf is that it is benefiting not only the Europeans but also the large Indian population which has settled in this not-too-hospitable country.

There is nothing the average Indian worker loves so much as his betel leaf, which he chews as assiduously as Americans chew gum. The betel leaf must, however, be fresh. But hitherto these Indian workers on the Persian Gulf have been deprived of facilities for satisfying this craving. Now, however, quantities of fresh betel leaf are carried by the air-mail machines leaving India, and all along these southern shores of the Gulf one can see the Indian workmen contentedly chewing their betel.

SPEEDING UP EXPANSION OF AIR ARM

600 New 'Planes Next Year

ECONOMIES IN THE PERSONNEL

The acceleration of the R.A.F. expansion programme announced by Mr. Baldwin, will involve an increase by 80 to 90 per cent. in the number of aeroplanes ordered next year, as compared with the present year's figure. The total will be between 600 and 650.

It does not follow that all will be delivered and paid for in the next financial year. The total cost for new aircraft and engines will, however, be approximately £8,550,000, as compared with the £4,750,000 provided for the purpose in this year's Estimates.

Manning of the new units, which will bring up the strength of the Air Force to 117 or 118 squadrons by the end of 1936, is being made possible by a number of circumstances and measures. An important consideration is the reduction of the average number of aircraftmen per machine.

This is a result of economies in the maintenance of aircraft, metal construction, and a new "trades" organisation. These factors have the effect of taking the whole of the personnel of the Air Force, of reducing the average personnel per aircraft from 23 to a little below 20.

Increased Training

The training of a sufficient number of personnel in time to man the new squadrons thus becomes simpler, since the output of every 500 trained aircraftsmen from Halton supplies a larger number of squadrons than formerly. A big increase in the number under training at Halton is to be made next year.

Arrangements are now being made for a larger entry to the Air Force College, Cranwell, for permanent commissions. Meanwhile, more short and medium term commissions are being granted.

Throughout these arrangements nothing has been done to prejudice the careers of permanent officers. Had this consideration been disregarded, the problem would have been a simple one. In an emergency, squadrons could be manned more quickly, but only at the sacrifice of efficiency and at the cost of a heavy casualty rate during training.

The addition of the 41 squadrons of the expansion programme, to take effect by the end of 1938, will call for a total of 800 new officers and about 5,000 other ranks.

George Littlejohn (left) and the now missing Captain Charles T. P. Ulm, Australian aces, are here shown in Canada planning their takeoff from Vancouver for an attempted flight to Australia in the plane shown. Ulm flew from California to Australia with Capt. Kingsford-Smith in 1928.

AUSTRALIA-LONDON AIR-MAIL DISAPPOINTING

The Postal Department in Melbourne, is disappointed over the large decrease in patronage given the second air mail to leave Australia for England during December. Only 8,861 articles were posted as compared with 55,867 at the opening of the service.—Reuter.

LORD SEMPILL'S LONE FLIGHT

Forced Landing In Darkness

BROKEN PORT ELEVATOR MENDED WITH WIRE

Melbourne.

After being missing since he left Adelaide Lord Sempill landed at the Melbourne aerodrome after spending the night at Ocean Beach, Portsea, where he landed in darkness.

The port elevator of his machine was broken, and when he arrived it was seen to have been patched up with wire.

Lord Sempill, who lost his way because of heavy clouds which he was unable to penetrate, landed off his course, rather than continue his flight, and slept beside his machine.

In 140 Hours' Flying

He reached Melbourne, whither he flew to participate in the Victoria Centenary celebrations, in 140 hours flying time from London.

Although some anxiety was felt for him when no news of his arrival at Melbourne reached Adelaide, it was mitigated by the reflection that he had already made two landings in unexpected places during his flight in Australia and had turned up safe and sound the next day.

In addition, he had said before his departure that, if necessary, he would land en route.—Reuter.

AMERICAN AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Giant Trans-Pacific Air-Boat Launched

95 HUGE BOMBERS FOR U.S. ARMY

Baltimore, Md.

The Glenn L. Martin factory on December 20 "launched" the largest clipper-type air-boat in America for Pan-American Airways, which the latter is scheduled to use shortly on its first America-China experimental flight, via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam and Manila.

The Clipper 7, as the giant ship is known, will carry 47 passengers, in addition to mail, and has a cruising speed comparable to most of the fastest of the lighter aircraft.

The ship was one of the four which Pan-American contracted the Martin factory to build several weeks ago, in preparation for the inauguration of its Trans-Pacific service, scheduled within the next few months.

To Undergo Tests

The ship will undergo severe trial flights here shortly, then will depart for the West Coast for another series of exhaustive reliability tests. Thereafter she will be pronounced fit for the trans-Pacific jaunt.

Ninety-five giant bombing planes for the United States army, capable of 220 miles per hour, fully loaded, are also being turned out by the Martin concern, one of the largest of its kind in the world. Delivery is to start early next year at the rate of three weekly.

With a speed surpassed only by one-seater pursuit planes, the new twin-motored monoplanes being built for the army will have a cruising radius of 3,000 miles, similar to the flying boats being turned out for Pan-American.

Factory Hums

The bombers will carry 2,260 pounds of bombs, inclosed in the streamlined fuselage, and mount three-machine-guns, fore, aft and amidships.—Associated Press.

NEW WINGLESS AUTGIRO

Messrs. A. V. Roe and Co., are actively engaged in manufacturing numbers of the new wingless autogiro at Newton Heath. The firm boldly laid down 100 and 80 have already been sold. Some of those are to go to India to the aerodromes which many maharajahs have set up in their States

SYDNEY WANTS AN AIR RACE TOO

Around The World Course

TO CELEBRATE 150TH BIRTHDAY

It is suggested that the 150th birthday of Sydney should be celebrated by an air race round the world, from Sydney back to Sydney.

With the increasing range of aeroplanes it will probably be perfectly practicable in 1938 to fix a course for such a race by way of Suva, Fanning Island or Honolulu, Vancouver, Montreal, St. Johns, Newfoundland, London, and then back by the India route to Australia.

It is pointed out that such a race would create the most intense interest throughout the world, and that both the start and the finish would focus the attention of the globe on Sydney and on Australia.

There are enthusiasts who think that there might also, by that time, be a round-the-world race by way of South Africa, South America and the Pacific Islands.

CIVIL AVIATION IN ENGLAND

Development Measures To Be Taken By Air Ministry

London, Dec. 18.

It is announced to-day that the Secretary of State for Air, the Marquess of Londonderry, has decided to put into operation certain measures to develop civil aviation.

The Director of Civil Aviation will be raised to the rank of Director-General, with a status equal to that of other members of the Ministry who belong to the Air Council.

To Air Council will, in future, confine itself exclusively to the military side of the Air Ministry's work, while civil aviation will be under the control of the Secretary of State for Air, and the Under-Secretary.

Civil aviation estimates will be determined by the Secretary of State for Air personally, on the advice of the Under-Secretary, who will collaborate with the Director-General.

AIRPORT SITES IN CALIFORNIA

Pushing Plans For Pacific Service

PAN-AMERICAN PRESIDENT ENGAGED IN SURVEYS

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.

Pushing plans for establishment of regular trans-Pacific air service, he says, Juan T. Tripper, president of Pan American Airways, has been surveying possible sites for the California terminals.

Arthur Eldridge, city harbour master at San Pedro, said that San Francisco, San Diego, Allen Field, Terminal Island and San Pedro were being considered, and that Allen Field was the most likely choice.

Mr. Tripper, after looking over possibilities in the San Francisco Bay area, said merely that other proposed sites near Los Angeles and San Diego would be investigated.

"Experts are surveying air terminal facilities in California that might be utilized in connection with experimental air services to the Far East. The survey at present is quite informal," Trippe said.

"The decision on our permanent terminal for the Pacific Coast will depend on further detailed surveys and recommendations by the Pan American Airways technical committee, of which Col. Charles A. Lindbergh is chairman. The Colonel was unable to come West now because of personal business.

Plans are going forward for the first trans-Pacific survey flight, to be made early in the year by way of Hawaii and the Philippines, to China.

"While my design is naturally a secret, I can say that it is based partly on thin cantilever wings. The machine is a single-seater with a cruising range of 600 miles, and we are also studying high-powered engines suitable for the new craft."

This photograph which has just been received from Melbourne shows how C. W. A. Scott looked after the exhausting experience of piloting the winning England-to-Australia marathon plane half way across the world in record time.

DEFENCE AGAINST AIR ATTACK

Sir J. Gilmour And The Government Plans

Sir John Gilmour, Home Secretary, speaking at the annual conference of the Scottish Unionist Associations in Glasgow, said:

"I am one of those who have to consider what might happen to our people in great cities if they were ever subject to an aerial attack. All I can say is you are not to assume that the Government has not visualised this possibility.

"It is now laying plans to meet these dangers—effectively, we hope."

A resolution was carried unanimously, calling on the Government to provide adequately for the safety of the country and all trade routes.

NEW SECRET 'PLANE

350 m.p.h. Claimed By U.S. Designer

An aeroplane which its designer believes will have a speed of 350 miles an hour is under construction in Boston. Its designer is Mr. Arthur Metcalf, instructor in aeronautical design at Boston University.

"So far," "my design is in the wind-tunnel stage, and I do not wish people to get excited about it.

"While my design is naturally a secret, I can say that it is based partly on thin cantilever wings. The machine is a single-seater with a cruising range of 600 miles, and we are also studying high-powered engines suitable for the new craft."

AMELIA EARHART PLANS NEW HOP

Honolulu To America In Near Future

Washington, Dec. 17.

Amelia Earhart, wife of the publisher George Palmer Putnam, noted aviatrix and the first woman to cross the Atlantic by aeroplane, plans a solo flight from Hawaii to the United States, the *United Press* learned to-day from reliable sources.

Though the date for the flight has not as yet been set, it was learned Amelia, first woman to make a solo flight in an autogiro, has already been granted the privilege of broadcast over water from her plane.

Extra fuel tanks necessary for the 2,400-miles hop have been installed in her plane. The noted woman aviatrix, already in California, plans to sail for Hawaii in the near future.

In Hawaii Mrs. Putnam will lecture at the University of Hawaii. Shortly thereafter she will start her solo flight back to America.—United Press.

GERMAN AIR FLEET

"12,500 Planes By End Of December"

The Stockholm newspaper *Dagens Nyheter*, discussing German rearmament, says:

"At the end of December Germany will have a fleet of 12,500 aeroplanes of the latest construction. Nearly all these machines are bombers of great range."

General Denain, French Minister of Air, declared in a speech in Paris that Germany had evolved an aeroplane engine driven by heavy oil. She also possessed the most rapid single-engined transport aeroplane in the world, and had "an incomparable range" of light tourist machines

FEEDER PLANES FOR CHARTER WORK

Imperial Airways have on order two biplanes of high performance from Boulton and Paul, of Norwich.

These will carry seven passengers and are intended for feeder lines, as well as for special charter work.

Fitted with two Bristol Jupiter engines, each machine will have about 1,000 h.p. or more and a top speed of 170 m.p.h.

These, with five of the De Havilland four-engined Dragon air liners cruising at 150 m.p.h. delivered this year, show how Imperial Airways are early tackling this problem of speed.

GREAT TRIBUTE TO WRIGHT BROTHERS

First Flight Made 31 Years Ago

7,000 PLANES TAKE PART IN CEREMONIES

Dayton, O., Dec. 17.

Noted fliers, officials and civic leaders joined to-day in paying tribute to the Wright brothers on the thirty-first anniversary of the first flight in a mechanical aeroplane.

Federal officials taking part in the ceremonies included Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois, chief of the army air corps, Maj. Gen. Edward L. King, and Eugene L. Vidal, director of aeronautics in the department of commerce.

Mr. Vidal presented to Orville Wright, the surviving brother, a personal message from President Roosevelt, while the party visited the grave of Wilbur.

The most spectacular feature of the occasion was the flight of planes here and in cities all over the country, and as far away as Manila. Beginning at 10.30 a.m., they circled the various cities in a counter-clock-wise direction for 80 minutes.

Approximately 7,000 planes took part, it was estimated.

The Wrights made their first successful flight on December 17, 1903, from Kill Devil Hill on the North Carolina coast. A monument now marks the spot.—Associated Press.

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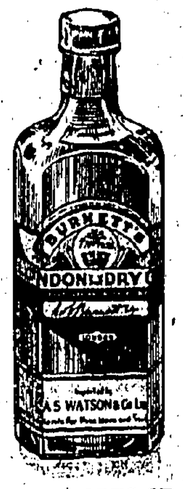

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Sunbeams Out Of Cucumbers

The recent Labour complaint that the Government had "no constructive policy for establishing a collective peace system and for replacing by international co-operation the competitive economic anarchy which leads to war" would be hard to beat. That only means that the Government, unlike the Socialists, offer no quack nostrum. If the Socialists started putting into operation what Sir Robert Horne described as their "slushy and impracticable sentiments," their international comrades would hastily strip them bare without compunction and then turn them adrift for the fools they were. Mr. Lansbury, in fact, reminds us vividly of the Professor in the Academy of Lagado who had been busy for eight years upon a project for extracting sunbeams out of cucumbers, and begged a gratuity "as an encouragement to ingenuity," especially as the past season had been a very dear one for cucumbers. The Government are no more responsible for the prevailing "competitive economic anarchy" than they are for the fogs off Labrador.

It has been aptly suggested by a Conservative member that before the country is asked to adopt Socialism it should be given an explanation of what Socialism is. That is rarely vouchsafed. The short-comings of Capitalism, its temporary maladjustments, its failure to respond immediately to changing conditions, the hardships caused to those who are thrown out of employment by circumstances over which they have no control—these are dilated upon ad nauseam. But all the immense social and economic advantages which Capitalism has conferred upon the British people, the great wealth which it has created—and on which Socialists itch to lay their hands so that they may solve the problem of abundance by preventing the recurrence of plenty—these are blandly omitted from the picture.

Sir Robert Horne gave the Socialists a sound castigation, and at the same time, as a firm believer that the day of coal is not yet over, he called for more intensive experiments upon the new scientific uses of coal and the products derivable therefrom, which he is convinced will restore prosperity to the coal industry. These have long been the subject of experiment in this country, and only last year the Chancellor of the Exchequer conceded by way of encouragement a guaranteed preference of 4d a gallon to British petrol made from British coal. Sir Robert Horne pleaded with the Government to be "generous to the last degree" in providing funds to the Fuel Research Department, whose recently issued report shows clearly that considerable obstacles still remain to be overcome. The argument put forward from the Socialist side that "nothing can be achieved except by a Government pledged to the fundamentals of Socialism" is disproved by the indefatigable attention devoted to research in every possible direction by the present Government of Germany. Yet they can in no sense be described as being "pledged to the fundamentals of Socialism."

LOCAL ESTATES

European Leaves $10,700

Chan Wing-chi of No. 62, Wuhu Street, Hunghom, who died on December 2, 1933, left local estate valued at $88,100.

Probate has been granted to Chan Wah, merchant, merchant.

She Lor-shi, late of No. 43, Jervois Street, third floor, who died on July 6, 1934, left local estate valued at $42,600.

Probates have been granted to She Ka-lai and She Pik-chuen.

John Reginald Hinton, Mercantile Assistant, who died at the Canossa Hospital on March 5, 1932, left local estate valued at $10,700.

An application by George Gwinnett Noble Tinson, solicitor, the lawful attorney, to seal the certified copy of the probate, has been granted.

JUNK CAPSIZED BY GUNBOAT

Chinese Girl Believed Drowned

Leaving port yesterday for Saigon at 5.30 p.m. the Italian gun-boat, Quarto, commanded by Captain Brodeversi, accidently crashed into a junk.

The junk capsized, and the crew, together with a cargo of rice, were precipitated into the water. All managed to clamber on to other junks, excepting a small girl aged five years, who is believed to have been drowned.

WHOSE BUSINESS?

In Harbin the dead are left to bury their dead. The local press, reports Reuter, has brought to the notice of the police that the frozen bodies of two Chinese beggars have been lying on the Skolnaya street and the 2nd Pskovskaya street at Pristan for two days, and that, although the requisite authorities have been repeatedly requested to have the dead removed no organization, either charitable or official, has volunteered to bury these unfortunates.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

COUNT MERCATI

Count Mercati, who was Princess Marina's only man attendant during her drive to the Abbey on November 29, is Chamberlain to ex-King George of Greece.

His daughter is the wife of Mr. Michael Arlen and his son, Count Leonard Mercati, was at Oxford after the war and rowed in the Balliol eight.

The Mercati family possessed estates in the Dodecanese and hold a Venetian title.

This circumstance was one of the arguments used by the Italians to support their claim to the islands.

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THE CANCELLED UNIFORM

Count Mercati has all the courtier's meticulousness about his clothes.

In 1924, it is said, he ordered a uniform of great splendour from his London tailors. It was covered with gold braid and needed many fittings before the necessary perfection was attained.

Just as it was finished the revolution occurred in Greece. The King and has Chamberlain went into exile.

Count Mercati telegraphed cancelling the order for the uniform.

The tailors politely telegraphed back suggesting that the Count should arrange with his successor to take it over.

Your Daily Smile!

"I am prepared to back my car against a car of any other manufacture," says a correspondent. We can only hope that he never parks just in front of us.

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The Debt Boomerang

Editor: "Here's a writer who declares that insistence upon payment of war debts will prove to be a boomerang."

Assistant: "Well, that's just what we want. A boomerang comes back."

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The television-phone, perfected in Germany, will have its amusing aspects. For instance, the composite face when talking over a rural party line.

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Friend or Foe?

"As a young man," said the tanned veteran in the hotel lounge, "I took part in the Zulu war."

"Really?" said his young and fair companion. "On which side?"

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The s.s. Corfu is due here at 5 p.m. to-day.

The m.v. Malayan Prince, from New York, is expected here this morning.

The Dollar Steamship Lines advise that the s.s. President Coolidge will sail from Hong Kong at 8 a.m. on Saturday for Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

Appearing before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of obtaining 15 catties of grass paper by false pretences, Chak Lai, a 34-year-old shop foki, was sentenced to three months, hard labour.

Attractive calendars have been received from the following: Nordeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, the American Insurance Co. of Newark, N.J., Bear Brand Swiss Milk, Messageries Maritimes Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd. Insurance Department, The Pharmacy, the N.Y.K. Line, and Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.

DID NOT KNOW HE WAS STEALING

Wanted Chair For Child So Took It

"There are 400 million Chinese in China, but I think you are the only one who does not know the meaning of theft," said Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones to Tang Chuen, who was charged with stealing two wooden folding chairs from St. Paul's Church, at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant stated that as he had no money to buy a chair for his child, he took the folding chairs and did not know that it was a crime to do so. He was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

"LLOYD'S" REACHES ITS CENTURY

SIMPLE BEGINNING AS COFFEE HOUSE

NOW REGISTER OF WORLD'S SHIPPING

(By Geoffrey Harmsworth)

London.

EVERYBODY has heard of Lloyd's. But how many people know about Lloyd's Register of Shipping, and realise that within the walls of a substantial Victorian-looking building in Fenchurch-street is carried on a vast business which dictates every detail, down to the measurements of the smallest nut and bolt, of the building of a large proportion of the world's ships, of every nationality, shape, and size, from the Queen Mary down to the meanest "tramp?"

Most people (and I confess that I was one of them) confuse Lloyd's Register with Lloyd's. The difference between the two is that Lloyd's are concerned with the business of insuring ships and their cargoes, whereas Lloyd's Register are the guarantors of the soundness of the ships built to their specification and under the watchful eyes of their 401 surveyors. Lloyd's Register, one might say, are the medical advisers to Lloyd's.

Supremacy Of Lloyd's

There are, of course, other classification societies, Norwegian, French, German, and American; but at the present time 75 per cent. of the world's tonnage now under construction is being built to the classification of Lloyd's Register.

Of the 30,997 vessels afloat to-day, under every flag and on every sea, whose tonnage amounts to 65,576,612, no fewer than 14,508 vessels, totalling 40,083,276 tons, have been built under the supervision and to the classification of Lloyd's Register.

This is a tremendous achievement. A casual glance at these figures barely hints at the immensity of the labours, the extraordinary degree of technical skill—the best in the world—which is crystallised in the famous Lloyd's Hall Mark "100 A 1," a mark which is accepted without question by the mercantile community throughout the world.

How did it all begin? Two hundred years ago a Mr. Edward Lloyd kept a coffee-house in Lombard-street at the corner of Abchurch-lane. There is a plate marking the spot where it stood on the building which stands on the same site to-day. Lloyd's Coffee-house in the 17th and 18th centuries was evidently a place of some importance. Steele wrote about it in the *Tatler* of 1710, and Addison a year later in the *Spectator*.

First Journal Of Shipping

Mr. Lloyd himself must have been a personage of unusual personality and ability apart from his catering and ability, apart from his tavern all manner of people connected with shipping, underwriters, merchants and insurance agents. Travellers and sea captains from distant lands all found their way to Lloyd's. And from them he collected all the latest shipping news of the day.

This highly valuable information he in turn distributed to his patrons. He must have been the best-informed man on shipping of his day. This side of his business grew so considerably that he decided to issue a paper three times a week called *Lloyd's News*. His enterprise and foresight were well rewarded, for *Lloyd's List*, an offshoot of *Lloyd's News*, flourishes to this day.

About the year 1760 the first Register of Shipping began to be regularly printed. Hitherto it had been written in hand in a small volume and passed from hand to hand in Lloyd's Tavern, to be read by the underwriters who wished to learn particulars of the vessels which were offered to them for insurance.

Register Of Shipping

The earliest of these registers in existence to-day bears the dates 1764-65-66, and it is the most prized relic in the vaults at Fenchurch-street.

I looked through the faded pages of this romantic little volume the other day, and I was surprised at the completeness of the information which it gave. Besides the present and former names of the vessels and those of the owners and masters, it indicated the ports between which the vessels traded, the tonnage, year of build, the number of the crew, guns and decks, as well as the classification of the hull itself.

It was some years later, however, that the famous expression "A 1 at Lloyd's" first came into circulation with the introduction of Roman capitals and numerals as classification marks.

The value of such a register to shipowners and underwriters alike was readily apparent, and in order to protect the "copyright" the book was only allowed to be seen by members, who paid an annual subscription of 12 guineas. When the register began to be printed each subscriber had to deliver up his old book at the end of the year before a new one was issued to him. If a subscriber lost his copy he was heavily fined and the committee were not obliged to issue a new copy to the offender.

Rivals Amalgamate

Towards the end of the 18th century Lloyd's altered their system of classification and thereby not only enraged the entire shipping community but also presented an opportunity for a rival to enter the field. Obviously, there was not room for two registers.

A state of crisis lasted until October 1834, and then the two registers amalgamated. The reorganised society was governed by a committee on which shipowners, merchants, and underwriters were given equal representation, and in addition to members paying their annual subscription, shipowner themselves had to pay a fee for the survey and classification of their vessels.

For a ship to be "classed at Lloyd's" is the sure guarantee of the vessel's excellence in every possible respect. It means that not a nut or a bolt has been placed in position in that ship without the most detailed plans having been exhaustively examined and passed by experts of the register. It means that no steel has been used in its construction which has not been tested and stamped by its steel-testing staff.

In the case of a ship of the dimensions of the Italian Rex or our own Queen Mary this means that literally hundreds of plans had to be examined.

EAST LANCS PRIVATE MARRIED

Registry Function This Morning

The marriage took place at the Supreme Court Registry this morning between Private Oswald James of the East Lancashire Regiment, and Doris Shea-Lawlor of the Station House, No. 59 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Col. F. Eaves, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, performed the ceremony in the presence of L/Cpl. J. Butterworth and L/Cpl. F. Bullock of the same Regiment.

GARRISON SCHOOLS BEING CLOSED

War Office Action

The War Office are closing several Army schools in the smaller garrison towns and stations and transferring the children to the local elementary schools. For each child so transferred a grant is paid out of Army funds to the responsible education authority.

One of the schools to be closed is the senior school at Ewshot, on the outskirts of the Aldershot Command.

It is believed that the War Office are considering handing over all the schools under their direct control to the various county and local authorities.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS MADE BY CHINA LIGHT

$781,283 Nett Profit Reported

45 CENTS DIVIDEND ON "OLD" SHARES

"There is very little of particular interest to report to you in connection with the year now under review. It has been a period rather of steady, satisfactory progress than one of any spectacular development," said Mr. A. H. Compton, Acting Chairman of the Board of Directors of the China Light and Power Company (1918), Ltd., in addressing the shareholders at the annual general meeting of the company, held at their Registered Offices, St. George's Building, this morning.

A net profit of $781,283.42 was reported for the year under review.

In the unavoidable absence of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Chairman, Mr. A. H. Compton was elected Acting Chairman. He was supported by Mr. C. A. da Roza, Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, Mr. Felix A. Joseph, and Mr. M. K. Lo (directors), and Mr. D. W. Munton, Manager and Mr. Noel Braga, Secretary.

The following shareholders were also present: Messrs. T. M. Mitchell, M. E. Politi, F. M. Ellis, A. J. Walters, H. J. M. de Figueireido, A. Nissim, Leung Yau-cheung, P. C. Potts, F. Austin as attorney for A. J. David, Ling Man-I, H. R. Sequeira, G. C. Moxon, P. M. N. da Silva Snr., P. M. N. da Silva Jnr., P. N. da Silva, D. Ellis as attorney for O. I. Ellis, H. Samuel, Chau Sang-choo, C. M. da Silva, G. A. Harriman, R. Pestonji, J. H. Shaw, L. C. F. Bellamy, J. V. Braga, Lo Kai-wing, and K. C. Mok.

Chairman's Speech

The Chairman in his speech said: It is much to be regretted that our Chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, is not able to preside at this meeting, but I am sure it is matter for general satisfaction that his health is steadily improving, so that we may hope he will very shortly be quite himself again.

Before dealing with the Accounts, I should like to make reference to the death of one of our Directors, Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu, the news of which was received with general regret.

The Gross Profit for the year amounted to $1,246,927.04, as against $1,134,690.02 for the previous financial year. After charging Profit and Loss Account with Directors,' Auditors' and Consultants' Fees, Interest, Depreciation, etc., the Nett Profit stands at $781,283.42.

There is very little of particular interest for me to report to you in connection with the year now under review. It has been a period rather of steady, satisfactory progress than one of any spectacular development.

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WIDOW BANISHEE RETURNS

Twelve months' hard labour was imposed on Cheung Yuk, a widow who was charged with a breach of the Deportation Ordinance, when she appeared before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning. Defendant was banished for a period of 10 years last July.

Andrew and Ursula, well-known ball-room dancers, are again entertaining in the Colony. They are also teaching the latest steps.

NOVEL CHRISTMAS GREETING CARD

Theatre Manager Sends Friends Money

Mr. Victor Hugo, manager of the Oriental Theatre, does not merely wish his friends wealth at Christmas — he sends them some. This year his souvenir takes a form that is both ingenious and delightful. It is a card of quarto size, adorned with coloured photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo, having inset between them a genuine specimen of America's banknotes, with some appropriate original verses underneath. Others please copy!

YUNNAN RISING COMMEMORATED

Solemn Ceremonial In Canton

Canton, To-day.

A service to commemorate the Yunnan uprising, as a result of which the attempted restoration of the monarch in China by Yuan Shih-kai was foiled, was held in the Chungshan Memorial Hall at 9 o'clock on Christmas morning. Over 1,000 people were present, including representatives of Government organs and public bodies. Mr. Lin Yih-chung officiated and made an opening speech. — Central Press.

NEW LANDI PLANE RECORD

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Reuter cabled yesterday:—

A world speed record for land aeroplanes was claimed by Delmotte on Xmas Day. He believed he had attained the speed of 502.455 kilometres an hour.

The previous record was held by James Weddel, the American flier, who attained a speed of 490 kilometres an hour. Delmotte's new mark, however, is considerably less than the seaplane record of 682.403 kilometres an hour, which was set by Warrant Officer Agello, the Italian ace, over Lake Garda on April 10 last year.

Agello's record is equal to 423.76 miles an hour. The new land speed record is equal to 312.233 miles an hour.

CANTON SEEKS FOREIGN LOANS FOR INDUSTRY

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hence it would be profitable to sell them to the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

The biggest project is an iron and steel plant, to cost about $30,000,000. An American banking firm is said to be ready to lend this amount as purchase price of the machinery as soon as Nanking assents to this deal.

CANTON TROOPS READY TO MOVE TO KWEICHOW

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It is reliably learned that orders to assist Kweichow will be issued by the South-west Political Council, which will remain the highest Government authority for the next eleven months. Reports circulated by the *Nam Wah Yat Po* and *Wah Kiu Yat Po*, Hong Kong vernacular papers, stating that a branch office of the Military Affairs Commission will be established here to direct military matters are without foundation.

According to Nanking reports, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will very likely appoint General Ho Ying-ching, Minister of War, as Commanding Officer of the anti-Communist forces in Kweichow, as he is a native of that province. No reply has meanwhile been received from Nanking concerning the proposal of the South-west generals to lend an expedition into that neighbouring province.

MARSHAL CHIANG CONSENTS

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It is stated that the Third Independent Division of the Canton units will also join the fourth and fifth divisions in the coming campaign against the Reds. The three divisions will start out for the West in the middle of next month.

Kwangsi troops have already reached Yungtsung and Hsiakiang, South-eastern Kweichow, in pursuit of the Red bandits, who have escaped northward. They are reported to have gone above Chienho. Although the Kweichow provincial forces are united against the Communist invaders, it is feared that they may storm Kweiyang, the provincial capital.

CHINA'S SILVER POLICY

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Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, in a special interview at Fenghua, corroborates Dr. Kung's statement.

In order to meet the present silver shortage in Shanghai it is freely reported that $20,000,000 worth of silver is being sent from Hong Kong to Shanghai.—Reuter.

RETIRING AIMEE

Aimee McPherson, America's most publicized "hot gospeller," will retire from the active pastorship of Angelus Temple in Los Angeles according to an official announcement made yesterday. The announcement also stated that she would leave shortly for the Far East on a tour of the world.

To-day's Short Story.

THE TRUANTS

By Frank Crew

TO the trained eye of Inspector Lefry, the position of Mastern's body and the revolver pointed at his heart presented a mystery which was not to be readily solved. Had his experience of criminal investigation been less he would, no doubt, have inclined to the view that the man had committed suicide. But a cursory inspection of the room revealed much that forbade him at that juncture to dwell too seriously upon such a theory. There was a disorder which no man, unless he were a maniac or given to fits of ungovernable fury, could have created alone. It spoke of a struggle.

And then there were the rose petals upon the floor—a few within a foot of where the body lay; more by the window.

Now, Lefry himself was rather fond of wearing a rose in his buttonhole, so he knew something about them; he knew that a man must choose a small rose and, at that, see that it was little more than in bud. These were the petals of a *large* rose; a rose that had opened almost fully, and a rose that could have been worn only by a woman. He was content for the moment, therefore, to pursue the theory that the disordered room was a result of a struggle that had taken place between Mastern and a woman. And looking around him, taking in every detail that caught his eye, he endeavoured to reconstruct the scene.

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The white door bore finger marks—fresh, for around them the whole of the door was thinly covered with dust. He could see at once by the size of the prints that they were Mastern's, and on closer examination he discovered that the base of each hand had also been imprinted. That meant that Mastern had stood with his back to the door, his hands behind him. That being so, he could not have held a revolver. It was not illogical, therefore, to assume that the revolver belonged to the woman.

If she had arrived with a revolver she had done so either for protection or else to murder him deliberately.

But if she'd planned deliberate murder why was it that she hadn't shot him when he'd stood at the door? It suggested that she had merely threatened him. Why? He might, but a moment before, have turned the lock of the door and put the key in his pocket. Hadn't they had to force the door before they were able to gain admission to the room? Yes. But when they'd done so they'd found the key on the seat of a lounge chair. He frowned. However, he would take it all step by step.

Assuming that she had stood and threatened him before the struggle, what had happened next? Had Mastern defied her threatening attitude and hurled himself upon her? It was doubtful; the risk incurred would be too great. If he *had* done so, then why hadn't the woman shot him there and then?

He could only think that Mastern had diverted her attention in such a way as to enable him to dash out his hand and send the revolver out of her grasp. Having done so, he would, obviously, have darted forward to pick it up; and in his haste he had probably knocked over the companion cigarette and ash stand which now lay on the floor. But if that had happened, could the woman have been sufficiently strong to hurl herself upon him and pitch him backwards? And would she have been quick enough to regain possession of the revolver?

Lefry stood at the spot where he imagined that the woman must have taken up her stand, and, going through the actions as he supposed them to have happened, found, to his gratification, that his steps came within a foot of where the body lay. His gratification was but short-lived, however, when he came to consider once more the question of the key.

If the woman *had* shot him so soon after he had locked the door, she would, of course, take the key from his pocket in order that she might make her escape. What, then, was it doing on the chair in the locked room? Again, why had she been so careless as to leave the room in such a disordered state?

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With a sigh of despair I set down the half-finished manuscript, and, confronted with the unique experience of having created a mystery which seemed beyond my own power to solve and bring to any satisfactory conclusion. I sat back exhaustedly in my chair. By now—after more than an hour's futile concentration upon the mystery of Mastern's death—I was uncertain whether my original intention was that he should meet death by his own hand or not. But so far as that went, it did not seem to matter now—the stage was so set, the whole thing so absolutely watertight, as to disallow one or the other.

With his body on my hands I had, therefore, reached an *impasse;* and having reached an *impasse* and most self-respecting author will sit and listen for any noise in the house sufficiently disquieting as to allow him to open his study door and demand in a stentorian voice: "How on earth do you expect me to work with all this noise going on?" Unfortunately, however, such an opportunity did not present itself. The house was completely hushed. I might have died suddenly and no one would have come to me.

Outside, it was just the same. If only a gardener had been at work I might have inquired *why* he had to mow the grass when I was busier than I'd ever been before.

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TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Cos I Treat Him Prop :," by Hedley Barker.

CLEANING UP RED REMNANTS

Pacification Work In Kiangsi

MORE THAN 100 KILLED IN HSA-CHANG FIGHT

Canton, To-day.

The 2nd Division of the Kwangtung 1st Army Corps, which is now carrying on pacification work in South Kiangsi, is hastening in clearing up the Communist remnants. Troops have been sent to various localities to make a search.

The Training Regiment of the Division, which was despatched to Shou-cha-tong to search for remnant outlaws, wiped out a band numbering about 1,000 in Hsa-chang on 22nd inst. In the course of fighting, over 100 bandits were killed, about 20 captured, and over 50 rifles taken. A telegram has been received here from General Yu Han-mow, Commander of the 1st Army Corps, reporting the victory. — Central Press.

TAILOR'S SHOP ROBBED

Charged with the theft of three yards of black satin cloth from the Man Kee tailor's shop at No. 13, D'Aguilar Street, Tsang Yuk Cheung was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, when he appeared before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning. The cloth was valued at $4.50.

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A group photograph taken at the European Y.M.C.A. Fancy Dress Carnival last Saturday night. (Tanaka).

FINANCE MEETING AT FENGHUA

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The Kwangtung authorities are determined to convert the present subsidiary coins into standardized big dollars, so that Hong Kong banknotes will no longer be a medium of exchange for foreign money and must be first converted into Hong Kong banknotes.

People in Pakhoi are accustomed to use Saigon banknotes, instead of Chinese money, but such payment is now considered illegal by order of the Provincial Department of Finance here. According to a new ruling, any persons in Pakhoi who accept French currency as legal tender are subject to a fine and confiscation of the colonial banknotes.

In spite of the ban on Hong Kong banknotes in Canton, they are legal tender in Shameen. Some shops, however, accept Canton currency for general convenience. People prefer Hong Kong money because it is not liable to sudden depreciation.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CIVIL SERVICE

Prizes Presented By Mrs. Sayer

KIDDIES' SPORTS

The annual Children's Christmas Party was held at the Civil Service Cricket Club, Happy Valley, yesterday, when Mrs. Sayer, wife of Mr. G. R. Sayer, the Director of Education, distributed the prizes.

Speaking on behalf of his wife, Mr. G. R. Sayer, the Director of Education, thanked the Committee for inviting his wife to present the prizes. On behalf of the Committee he thanked Mesdames Deakin, Alderman and Purvis for their great assistance in choosing the gifts for the children. Thanks were also expressed, on behalf of the Whist Drive Committee, to Mesdames Eccleshall, Alderman and Jones, for their services.

The role of Santa Claus was played by Mr. H. Millington.

The sports prize-winners were:

CRICKET

First Eleven.—Batting Prize, J. E. Richardson; Bowling Prize, F. Baker.

Second Eleven.—Batting Prize, J. F. McGowan; Bowling Prize, J. F. McGowan.

TENNIS

Men's Singles Handicap.—1, Mr. Shute; 2, Mr. Bendell.

Ladies' Singles Handicap.—1, Miss V. Bradbury; 2, Mrs. Old.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap.—1, Mrs. Shute and Mrs. Davies; 2, Mrs. Armstrong and Miss H. Grimmitt.

BOWLS

Club Championship.—F. Jones.
Runner up.—L. Collyer.
Runner up.—J. Purvis.
Doubles Handicap. — Jones and Davies.
Runners up.—Grimmitt and Sammond.

OTHER EVENTS

Boy's Race (over 12 under 16.)—1, D. Holledge; 2, Terry Lockhart.

Girls' Race (over 12 under 16.)—1, Blanche Bowles; 2, Jean Ewing.

Boys' Race (7 to 12).—1, Freddy Jones; 2, Vivian Lockhart.

Girls' Race (7 to 12).—1, Patsy Wood; 2, Betty Allen.

Boys' Race (under 7).—1, Victor Russell; 2, Boy Gauler.

Girls' Race (under 7).—1, Dione Deacon; 2, Barbara Jones.

Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race.—1, Mrs. Bowles; 2, Mrs. Henderson.

Cocoanut Shy (Ladies).—1, Mrs. Henderson.

Cocoanut Shy (Men).—Mr. Millington.

Ball and Bucket Competition (Ladies).—Miss Baker.

Ball and Bucket Competition (Men).—Mr. Grimmitt.

Cinema Notes

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—"STAND UP AND CHEER"— MAJESTIC THEATRE

One of Fox Film's most lavish contributions to the screen, "Stand Up and Cheer," a musical extravaganza, is now showing at the Majestic Theatre.

With Warner Baxter heading the cast of prominent players, "Stand Up and Cheer!" presents many outstanding performers of the screen, the stage, and the radio, such as Shirley Temple, Madge Evans, James Duunn, Sylvia Froos, John Boles, Nigel Bruce, Arthur Byron, Ralph Morgan, Jimmy Dallas, "Aunt Jemima," Mitchell and Durant. Nick Foran and Stepin Fetchit.

"AUNT SALLY"—STAR THEATRE

A fast moving musical drama, "Aunt Sally," featuring Cicely Courtneidge, is now showing at the Star Theatre.

The story concerns the efforts of Sally Bird to break into a cabaret. When she succeeds she is kidnapped by gangsters and held for ransom, but she foils her abductors and gains her freedom.

Cicely is riotously funny, her songs, adagio dancing, and her interludes with the gangsters being brimful of humour.

Sam Hardy, Hartley Power, Ben Weldon, Billy Milton and Phyllis Clare lend excellent support.

A NEW STAMP

Grenada Produces The Best For Years

The West Indian Colony of Grenada has just issued a new set of large postage stamps.

In some of the designs the King's head is in the right-hand corner, with a local view in the centre of the stamp.

Other designs use the arms of the Colony in two medallions.

The issue is considered by philatelists to be one of the most attractive of recent years.

A graduate of the University of the Nebraska who is an exponent of the Roosevelt "New Deal" ideas now rules the Republic of Latvia. The photographs show Karlis Ulmanis as he appeared in student days and as he is to-day, and with a group of his people in Riga, where he moves about freely among the citizens.

LIFE IN FAR EAST

Robert Fortune's Book To Be Re-Printed

"THREE YEARS WANDERINGS IN N. PROVINCE OF CHINA

An announcement of interest to book-lovers and collectors of rare editions comes from The University Press of Shanghai who in early January will offer a limited and numbered de luxe re-print edition of "Three Years' Wanderings in the Northern Provinces of China" by Robert Fortune, distinguished Scots botanist and author, first published in London in 1847, has long been out of print.

In this work Fortune recounts his adventures during his first visit of exploration to China, 1843-46, for the Royal Horticultural Society, London. Subsequent tours were made for the East India Company.

In his "Three Years' Wanderings" Fortune ranged as far North as Shanghai and, to the South, Manila, in the Philippines. He was in Shanghai a few days after Sir George Balfour, the first British Consul, declared the city open to foreign trade on November 17, 1843. His description of the city and its people and customs at that time, more than 90 years ago, is intensely interesting. It was then he made his prediction that Shanghai would become China's greatest city.

Came To Colony

Fortune was also in Hong Kong and Canton and extensively explored the coastal provinces. It is not too much to say that he was the first foreigner after Marco Polo, who preceded him by 600 years, to gain an intimate knowledge of the interior districts of China. He devoted an entire chapter to his explorations on Luzon, near Manila.

In this work Fortune did not write as a scientist, but rather as an explorer. It has the appealing charm of a romantic adventure, vividly and brilliantly written. Great as were Fortune's achievements as a botanist, and he was one of the greatest of the nineteenth century, equally admirable was his literary work. "Three Years' Wanderings in the Northern Provinces of China is, it is stated, a colourful, almost photographic presentation of the life and manners which were obtained in China just less than a century ago.

The original edition of Fortune's book, including many fine old engravings depicting life and scenes in the China of that time, will be faithfully reproduced in its entirety. In addition to book collectors it will appeal particularly to those who have known or felt the enchantment of China and the Far East. The Book is listed at $22.50, Shanghai Currency.

POPULATION IN STRAITS

Now Estimated To Pass A Million

Over a million people now live in the Straits Settlements. The total in mid-year, 1933, is estimated by the Hon. Mr. R. D. Fitzgerald, Director of Medical and Health Services, in the annual report on the Medical Department, to have been 1,038,827.

This calculation was reached by what is known as the balancing equation method—last census figure plus births, minus deaths, plus migrational surplus. And Singapore claims almost exactly half the total, 514,500 being the estimate.

The populations of the other Settlements were: Penang 182,613; Province Wellesley 135,287; the Dindings 18,130; Malacca 180,892; Labuan 7,405.

A racial analysis for the Colony shows that there were 292,604 Malay, 9,424 Europeans, 11,550 Eurasian 607,376 Chinese, 106,502 Indians and 11,371 others. The figures for Singapore were: Malays 67,050, European 7,611, Eurasians 7,051, Chinese 383,610 Indians 40991, and others 8,180.

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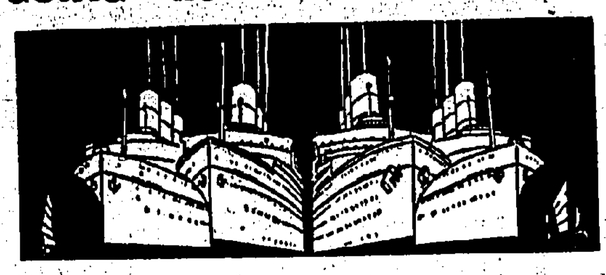

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Empr. of Canada	Feb. 26	Feb. 28		Mar. 3	Mar. 5	Mar. 12		Mar. 17
Empr. of Russia	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 16			Mar. 25
Empr. of Japan	Mar. 22	Mar. 24		Mar. 27	Mar. 29	Apr. 4		Apr. 11
Empr. of Asia	Apr. 5	Apr. 7	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 13	Apr. 20		Apr. 26
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NALDERA	16,000	28th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
NELLORE	7,000	3rd Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama.
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RAWALPINDI	17,000	11th Jan.	S'hai Kobe and Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	6,000	24th Jan.	—— DO ——
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RAJPUTANA	17,000	25th Jan.	S'hai, Kobe, Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	2nd Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama.
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Representing the nation in paying homage to the Unknown Soldier on Armistice Day, President Roosevelt is pictured with uncovered head while "taps" are sounded at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington cemetery. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt placed placed wreaths on the tomb.

The Truants

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But never did it seem had the garden looked in such perfect order. Here and there, upon the large beds massed with General Jacqueminot roses, a few of the brilliant, velvety red petals had fallen. Yet, rather than suggesting any untidiness to me, they hinted, as did the distant murmur of the ever-busy bee, of the tremendous work that Nature did silently, wonderfully, while I could do nothing at all.

It was a discomforting thought. It made me feel very ashamed. I couldn't stand it, and I thought that I would peep outside the door and see if anyone was about. But no sooner did the thought enter my head than I saw the handle being turned very slowly, very cautiously. Another moment, and Jennifer entered the room.

Perhaps, though, I shouldn't say entered, lest I convey a wrong impression. Knowing Jennifer as I do, I have little doubt that the diminutive little figure wormed her way in with the utmost stealth. But I didn't glance round to see, lest in so doing I let her think that I encouraged her to do what her mother had told her not to do. It was only when, after some moments of anxious fumbling, she succeeded in closing the door with the least possible noise that I decided to look up.

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She stood with her little hands held behind her; but on encountering my gaze she was quick to raise her index finger in warning.

"Ssh!" she uttered, with an eye on the door. Clearly, she was a little rogue and knew it.

It was a difficult moment. My duty, no doubt, was to have reproved her for the interruption and to have led her gently but firmly to the door. But even if such an idea—which was unthinkable then—had occurred to me, it would have been quite impossible to have put it into practice. I say impossible, for never had I loved her more than I did at that moment; never had she looked more beautiful than she did in the little smocked dress and the new red shoes that she was wearing; never would I have believed that the large, velvety red rose such as she clasped in one of her little hands could have looked so much a part of her; and never, since the night when I heard her wail her first thin cry could I have felt prouder or more grateful for the divorce gift that her mother had bestowed upon me.

She may or may not have had some inkling of the admiration with which I regarded her, but with the pardonable vanity of her sex the little minx touched her sides, gazed down at her feet and beamed a beam that would have disarmed a regiment.

"She's got some noo wed shoes," she whispered in a confidential whisper of delight. "Jou sink de're pwetty?"

"Ravishing!" I whispered back—"utterly adorable — enchanting—divine — scrumptious!"

My approval appeared to gratify her exceedingly. She beamed another beam, and she edged a step nearer. "Wot jou doin'?" she enquired. "Writin'?"

It seemed as though the clouds had suddenly blotted out the sun, but I nodded and tried to look as though I meant it.

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Jennifer beamed again. "Wot for?" she asked.

"To pay for her new shoes," I confided, but without the least hope of the half-finished manuscript ever doing so.

"Oh!" The enchanting little smile began to fade out of her face. It may have been that, in that instant, her little brain grasped the fact that she was a certain responsibility to me; it may have been that the sudden realisation twanged the strings of her adoring little heart and made her twine her little arms around my knee and whisper with the sheerest suspicion of a tremor: "She 'onts to come up on jou!" But the fact remains that no sooner had I caught her up in my arms, and no sooner were her little lips pressed warmly against my cheek than she must add, as she gravely surveyed the little red shoes: "Dey were ever so 'spensive! Tost half a duinea!"

Glancing over my shoulder, and catching sight of the unfinished manuscript that lay on my desk, I shuddered. By now, however, every vestige of hope that I had ever had of unravelling the tangle of the mystery was gone.

It was a pretty pass, to be sure, and my fears were by no means alleviated when I heard steps, which I recognised as Jennifer's mother's coming down the stairs.

Jennifer heard them too, but they seemed in no way to disturb her composure. She beamed, if anything, more delightfully than she had ever done before. "Dat's Mummie!" she said with zest. As I suspected, she looked to me to stand by her.

Banking on the certainty that her mother would look for her in the lounge and in the kitchen before she ever dreamed of intruding upon me in the throes of my work, I calculated that we had exactly two minutes in which to make our exit by way of the window and gain the friendly screen of the laurels at the bottom of the garden.

* * *

Had the necessity of our departure not been so pressing, I should, no doubt, have stopped to see if we had left any incriminating traces behind us. I might, for instance, have observed that when Jennifer had stolen into my study she'd not only made some grubby little finger marks on the white door, but the little minx had actually *locked the door and put the key on the seat of my lounge chair.* Again, I might have stopped to pick up the companion cigarette and ash stand which, in my haste, I'd been so clumsy as to knock over; and, lastly, I might have gathered up the petals of the rose to which she'd held on so affectionately but which, nevertheless, had shattered just as I was about to lift her out of the window.

As it was, however, I didn't even think of these things until we had returned from a glorious hour of truancy. But perhaps that was just as well. My brain, by then, was sufficiently refreshed for me to realise that although the woman who shot Mastern *did* take the key out of his pocket as she arranged the position of his body, she was compelled, like Jennifer and myself, to make a sudden exit by way of the window—a fact that should have suggested itself more readily to Inspector Lefry in view of the many rose petals that he found upon the floor beneath it.

So the story came to be finished after all. And if you should chance to read it sometime—well, you'll know a little more about it than most people, won't you?

THE END.

NEW YORK TRADE REPORTS

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poses and hog prices are advancing. Wheat, Total sales:—5,901,000 bushels, Corn:—Total sales:—4,628,000 bushels.

"Cotton:—The market was dull with potential buying needs for mills increasing.

"Rubber:—News in constructive and there is a belief that investment interests will re-establish large long lines after the end of December. We recommend purchases now. Total sales:—83 lots.

Market Factors

The following telegrams were received by Messrs. S. E. Levy & Co. from Reuter:—

Favourable factors prevailing prior to the opening of the New York markets included.—

(1) Further increase in mill activity.

(2) Other favourable trade news apparent.

(3) Less apprehension over the utilities question.

Unfavourable factors included:

(1) November railroad reports show a sharp decline in net income.

Wall Street was moderately active and firm. Some irregularity has developed among utilities but the remainder of the market has advanced fractionally and, with sentiment cheerful, some extension of the advance seems indicated. Steel operations at Chicago were at 37 per cent. of capacity.

E. A. Pierce Co.'s Report

In their market report, the American Oriental Finance Corporation, correspondent for Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company New York state:

"Stocks: The market was almost entirely occupied with end of the year adjustments, resulting in a mixed tone. Favourable steel news was ignored.

"Grains: The strength of wheat was derived from the firmness of corn and the hogs and lard markets. December corn was tight at times.

"Cotton: There was some further "pool" selling.

"Rubber: The market was devoid of interest within a range of two points and with a very small volume of trading."—Reuter

Latest Quotations

The following quotations have been received through Messrs. S. E. Levy and Company and the American Oriental Finance Corporation:

New York, Yesterday.

	Prev. close	To-day's close
N.Y./London cross-rate	4.94⅜	4.94⅜
N.Y. Cotton—May	12.70	12.66
N.Y. Rubber—May	closed	13.29
Chic Wheat—May	99⅝	99⅞
Chic Corn—May	88⅛	90
Montreal Silver—Mar.	54.10b	54.25b
Silver Official	53¼	53⅛

Dow Jones Averages

	Dec. 24	To-day's close	Change
30 Industrials	100.69	100.35	.34 off
20 Rails	35.57	35.30	.27 off
20 Utilities	17.28	16.83	.45 off
40 Bonds	95.14	95.09	.05 off
11 Commodity	60.69	61.12	.43 up

17 Leading Stocks

Amer. Can	109
Amer. Smelting	37¾
Amer. Tel & Tel	102
Auburn	24¼
Case	53½
Du Pont	94⅜
El. Bond & Share	6⅛
General Motors	32¼
Int. T & T	8
McIntyre	40
Montgomery Ward	28⅛
Nat. Distillers	27⅝
N.Y. Central	19½
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Pres. Pierce	Feb. 13, 8.00 a.m.
Pres. Coolidge	Feb. 23, Noon

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	Dec. 26. Closing	Dec 27. Closing
New York Cotton:—		
January	12.48	12.39
March	12.63	12.57
May	12.70	12.66
July	12.71	12.67
October (1935)	12.58	12.54
December	——	12.61
Spot	12.80	12.75
New York Rubber:—		
December	12.85	12.85b
January	12.86	12.88
March	13.08	13.09
May	13.26	13.29
July	13.45a	13.47
September	13.65	13.67
Chicago Wheat:—		
December	98¼	98¾
May	99⅜	99⅞
July	98½	94'
Chicago Corn:—		
December	91½	93¾
May	88½	90
July	85½	86¾
Winnipeg Wheat:—		
December	78	Market
May	83	
July	83⅝	closed
New York Sugar:—		
March	1.78	1.79
May	1.83	1.85
July	1.87	1.88
September	1.90	1.92
New York Silk:—		
March	1.31	1.33
May	1.33	1.33½
July	——	1.33½
Montreal Silver:—		
December	53.40b	53.60b
March	54.10b	54.25b
May	54.60n	54.85
July	55.25b	55.55

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New York Metals:—	Dec. 20.	Dec. 26.
Copper March	6.25	6.46
Tin March	50.65	50.65

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On the following evening a house-party was given at No. 12, while in the village the children of the Peniel Mission entertained us with an interesting programme, the room being packed to its utmost capacity. About 20 members of the Mission arrived from Yaumati to reinforce the local talent.

A large tent has been erected on one of the vacant lots and a united evangelistic effort is in progress, speakers from the three Missions taking part.

NEW U.S. TREASURY ISSUE

Replacing $75,000,000 Bills Withdrawn

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
New York, To-day.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, United States Secretary of the Treasury, is offering $75,000,000 Treasury bills and retiring similar issue maturing on January 2.

President Roosevelt is to meet the Cabinet to-day for the purpose of deciding questions of relief, the budget and public works.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

CANTON SEEKS FOREIGN LOANS FOR INDUSTRY

Nanking's Consent Necessary

LENDERS WILL REQUIRE GOOD SECURITY

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, Yesterday.

Efforts to obtain foreign loans for the erection of industrial plants in Canton are admitted in an official address by a provincial official last Monday, refuting the denials that the Kwangtung Provincial Government is seeking foreign financial assistance.

It is reported in the local press that the two representatives sent by the provincial government to Nanking in securing the consent of the Central Authorities in these foreign loans are to return here to-day, but the result of their mission is not yet known. However, Japanese reports circulated from Shanghai stated that Nankking does not approve these foreign loans.

American and German banking concerns are ready to advance money to manufacturers of machinery in their respective countries, so that they may ship the plant equipment to Canton. These bankers, however, insist that their loans be approved by the Nanking authorities, requiring also a lien on the plants and their potential income.

Foreign bankers are promoting the trade of their own countries by facilitating the sale of machinery to Canton, as they have a surplus of cash. Machinery of the heavy kind's not selling very well at home,

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BANK AND COTTON REPORTS

Demand Deposits Well Over Last Year's

COTTON POOL HOLDINGS MUCH LOWER

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894, Received December 27, 10.50 a.m.)

New York, to-day.

A member of the Federal Reserve Bank states that net demand deposits stand at $13,576,000,000, or $213,000,000 below those of last week, but $2,896,000,000 above last year's. The *Journal of Commerce* reports that the Government cotton pool holds long future contracts for 25,400 bales, plus actual cotton, 1,692,500 bales, against original holdings of 1,950,354 bales.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

AMERICAN UTILITY LEGISLATION

Early Action Foreseen By Administration

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
New York, To-day.

President Roosevelt has ordered the Federal trade commission to have their recommendations regarding Utility legislation ready on January 1, indicating that the Administration plans early action in the Utility programme.

Indications, however, are that it plans a middle course between the Right and Left parties.

Observers say that a balanced budget is still very remote, although President Roosevelt is urging the strictest economy wherever it will not seriously affect the recovery programme.

The American metal market considers that industry will enter on 1935 with a greater momentum than was predicted three weeks ago.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

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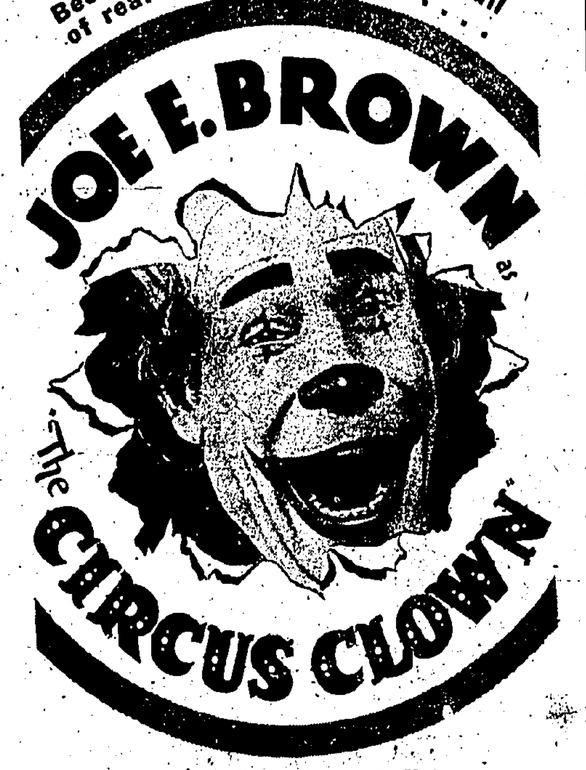

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